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THIS WEEK

Philosophy Club to host an open forum

The Philosophy Club will host a forum entitled "Technology and privacy: encroachments to privacy in technological world" at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Speakers will be Fred Lamer and Daniel Smith from Northwest and James Okpal from Missouri Western State University.

Midnight Madness

Basketball season officially begins with Northwest's traditional celebration. Free pizza and prizes offered, 10 p.m., Bearcat Arena.

See B2 for full story.

Last date to drop

Last date to drop a second-block course, Wednesday, Nov. 7.

CALENDAR

Friday

Brick and Click Libraries Symposium

John Richardson exhibit closes

Saturday

Women's Mens Cross Country, South Central regionals

Monday

Drawing With/In/On Clay Juried exhibit opens Juror's presentation, 7 p.m., Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building, room 244.

Visiting Writers; Michael Dumanis and Ethan Paquin, 7 p.m., J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Wednesday

Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship Pageant informational meeting, 7 p.m., Tower View, J.W. Jones Student Union.

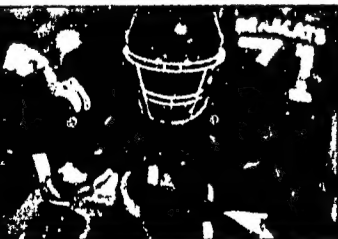
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I love the night life

Northwest Senior Becky Harpham serves up smiles and more, during weekends at the Pub.

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NW Football

The Bearcats hit the road this weekend, as they gear up to face Emporia State.

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Harvest time

In the Midwest, the time has come once again to calculate the year's soybean and corn hauls.

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WEB EXCLUSIVES

Check for video wrap-ups covering all of your homecoming activities. Including parade, variety show and Bearcat football footage.

Your place for breaking news
The Northwest Missourian is holding a contest for all Northwest missourians.com subscribers. Log on and register to receive breaking news e-mails. Friday, Nov. 9, one name will be drawn to receive a free iPod.

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COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY

Abrielle Neff lives through Foundation

By Kenny Larabee
Missourian Reporter

Brenda Neff said her daughter, Abrielle Neff, was always a happy little girl. Madyson Neff, recalling Abrielle's boundless joy, said she was a talkative little sister.

"We had grandma that said it best," Brenda said. "She was just full of life, full of energy."

Abrielle was just 3-years-old when she was involved in an early morning two-car accident last March. Abrielle was a passenger in her mother's 2002 Ford sport utility vehicle when she, along with Brenda and Madyson, collided head on with Ryan C. Sunderman and his 1999 Ford, five miles west of Pickering on Icon Road.

The incident is still at trial.

All three of the Neffs were taken to St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. Brenda and Madyson were treated and released for

minor to moderate injuries. Sunderman refused medical attention. But Abrielle was transferred by air to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

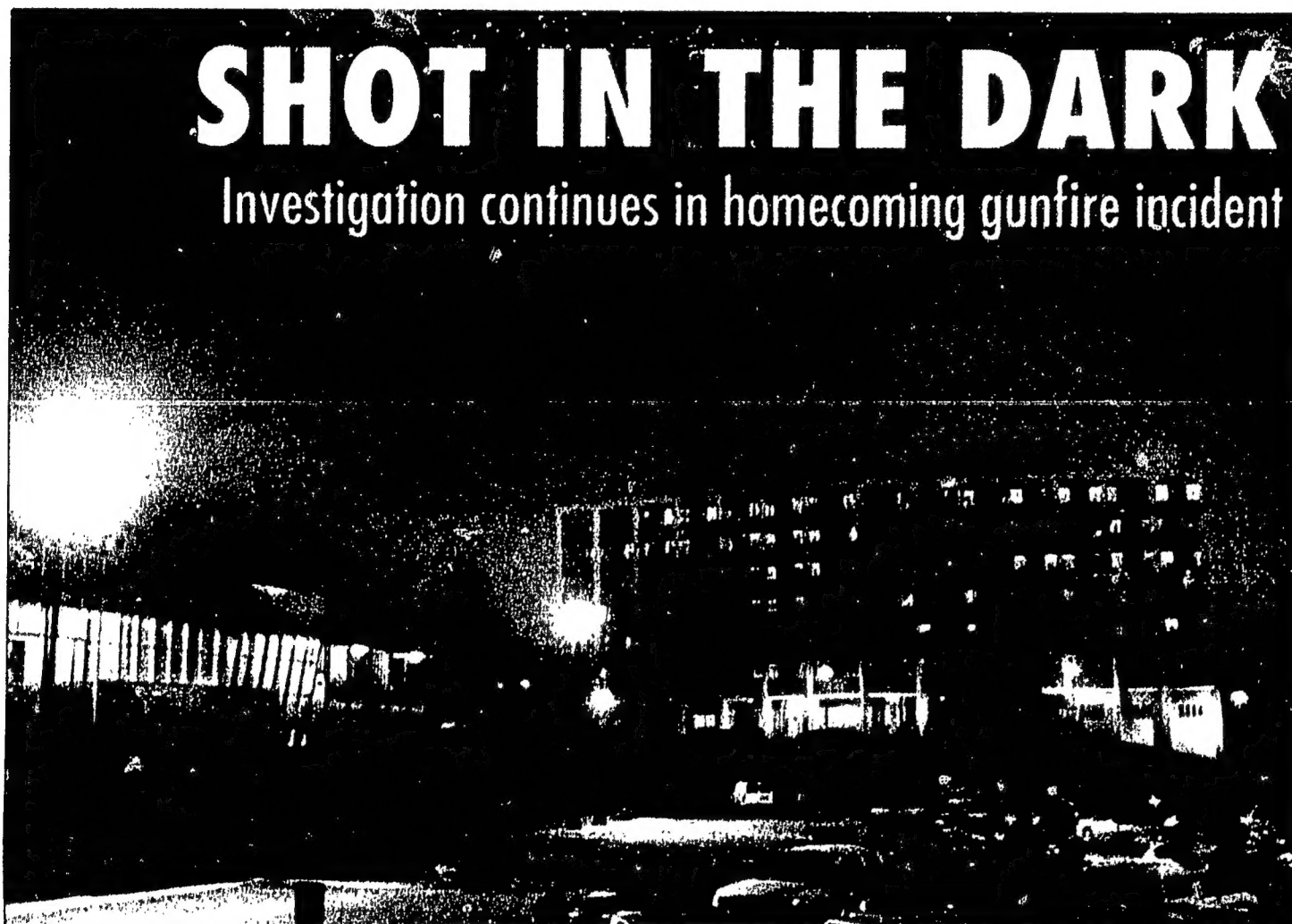
She died later that night.

But through the Abrielle Neff Foundation, a not-for-profit organization started by Brenda, Abrielle has shown although her life ended prematurely, she still continues to touch people to this day.

"Things can happen in life
That can be rough
And when you're in pain
It just makes it tough"

Abrielle was born with a digestive problem. Her parents

See NEFF on A5

SHOT IN THE DARK
Investigation continues in homecoming gunfire incident

SHOTS WERE FIRED near The Station Saturday night leading to a campus-wide lockdown. Law enforcement from Maryville Public Safety, the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco assisted Northwest Campus Safety in the search. (Below) Campus Safety police, Maryville Public Safety officers, Nodaway County officers and Missouri State Highway Patrol investigate campus early Sunday morning.

By Lindsay Jacobs, Dominic Genetti
University News Editor, Community News Editor

An investigation of a shots-fired incident on the Northwest campus Saturday, Oct. 27 continues.

A person of interest arrested at the scene on an unrelated warrant is now reported as not connected to the incident, Campus Safety Director Clarence Green said.

The incident occurred shortly before midnight outside The Station in a nearby parking lot. Two bullet holes were found in a car and three shell casings were found on the ground.

The car is impounded as evidence, and no one was injured, Green said.

"There were a lot of folks in the area, but a lot of folks have reported they didn't see anything," Green said.

About an hour to an hour and a half, University officials sounded a campus-wide alarm system alerting students of an active shooter, leading to a campus-wide lockdown.

The time between allowed officers to verify that shots were in fact fired, Green said.

"We want to just check things out, verify what we have before we sound the system," Green said.

Auxiliary Services Director Mark Hetzler explained the alarm procedure.

"If Campus Safety comes on the scene and they see a

See SHOTS on A6



photos by scott levine | sports editor

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Facility has first tenant



photo courtesy university relations

GOV. MATT BLUNT and President Dean Hubbard broke ground on the Center of Excellence for.

Missouri firm signs MOU with Northwest

By Evan Young
Managing Editor

The University signed a memorandum of understanding with Carbolytic Materials Co., LLC (CMC) on Thursday, securing the company as the first occupant for Northwest's Center of Excellence.

CMC marks the third major company Northwest has attempted, over the past three years, to have occupy the business incubator half of the Center, although the other two, Ventria Bioscience and Edenspace Systems Corporation, backed out because of funding problems for the facility.

However, Northwest recently received the first installment of a \$24 million share of state funds to complete construction on the Center, and administration officials think this tangible boost, and CMC's cooperation, spells out the end of an uncompleted building.

"That's what we've hoped for all along, and it's worked out," Northwest President Dean Hubbard said.

The University will receive payments over the next five years.

Based out of Missouri with a facility in St. Louis, CMC specializes in manufacturing ApexCM, from

See CENTER on A6

FEDERAL COURT

Montgomery slated to receive the death penalty

By Sean Comer
Politics/Courts Reporter

A three-year odyssey has come to an end for Lisa Montgomery and the family of Bobbie Jo Stinnett.

A jury Friday afternoon recommended the death sentence for Montgomery, the 39-year-old Melvern, Kan., woman convicted earlier last week of kidnapping Victoria Jo Stinnett and killing Victoria Jo's mother, 23-year-old Bobbie Jo Stinnett of Skidmore, in December 2004.

"It has taken nearly three years for justice in the case of Bobbie Jo Stinnett's murder," Becky Harper, Stinnett's mother, read from a prepared statement with Bobbie Jo's husband, Zeb Stinnett, by her side and family behind her. "During that time, many people worked very hard to bring this case to a close, and we are grateful for their dedication."

The jury returned its verdict shortly after noon, Friday, after less than five hours of deliberation. The jury affirmed every statutory aggravating factor that would warrant a death sentence.

The factors included: Concluding that Montgomery intentionally killed Stinnett; that she knowingly inflicted "serious bodily injury" by strangling Stinnett with a rope before using a kitchen knife to perform a crude Caesarean section; that Stinnett's pregnancy made her especially vulnerable; that the act was carried out in a "heinous and depraved" manner; and that the act was premeditated.

The jury also voted "yes" on the question of whether Stinnett's death inflicted injury, loss and harm to Stinnett's family.

No jurors agreed with the defense's claims that Montgomery had serious mental illness at the time of the crime, had seen improvements in mental stability while in custody or would continue a significant loving relationship with her family if sentenced to life in prison.

See MONTGOMERY on A6

MARYVILLE HALLOWEEN

Trick or treat: City hosts family event

By Micheal Clements
Missourian Reporter

Children swarm downtown area for trick or treat night.

Families covered the sidewalks in downtown Maryville for the annual trick or treat night where local business handed out candy to children.

The Halloween celebration held for about 1000 costumed children and their families Tuesday by local business downtown to give back to the community and create a safe environment for children trick or treating.

The event is something the community can look forward to all year long Event Coordinator and owner of Movie Magic Kathy Rice said.

"We started it as basically a way to pro-

mote the downtown business," Rice said. "It provides a safe atmosphere for kids"

Forty seven business in the community participated in the event.

"A lot of the merchants dress up like we do here. It's a good time, it's a good community promotion," Rice said.

Mitch Herring, owner of Jock's Nitch said picking out the best costume may be his favorite part of the event.

"Last year was my first time when we were open doing this and it's good to see everyone back out downtown," Herring said. "It's a safe environment when they do it from five to seven like this."

Herring grew up in the area and graduated from Northwest.

"It's good to give back to them and see all the little kids and the adults with their children out here," Herring said.

See TREAT on A5

CAMPUS BRIEFS

"Family Guy" producer to speak

Mike Henry, a supervising producer and regular voice actor on the TV show "Family Guy" will speak at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 1, in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Visiting Writers Series continues

This season's final Visiting Writers Series event will be 7 p.m., Monday, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom. Michael Dumani and Eban Paquin are the speakers at this event. Both are poets who have recently published books. They will read their work during the event.

Young receives ACP Story of the Year

Northwest Missourian Managing Editor Evan Young received third place for the Associated Collegiate Press's News Story of the Year.

THEATRE NORTHWEST

Students get set to perform modern Cinderella story

By Katie Charczuk
Missourian Reporter

This is not Disney's "Cinderella." "The Ash Girl" is a "modern retelling of the Cinderella myth incorporating the original Grim tales, Chinese folk tales along with modern elements of Jung's psychology." Communications, Theatre and Language assistant professor Amanda Petefish-Schrag said.

"The Ash Girl" performs at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 8 through Saturday, Nov. 10 and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 11 in the Performing Arts Center.

Twenty-one Northwest student actors have been practicing and working on this production since Oct. 1, Petefish-Schrag said.

Rehearsals are a little less than six weeks, Petefish-Schrag said. Six weeks is "pretty typical time" for one of Northwest's student plays. Rehearsals are five to six days a week, three to four hours a night and students prepare on their own and work on their other theater commitments two to three hours a week, she said.

All 21 students are involved in numerous theater workshops, homecoming activities and somehow keep up with their school work while preparing for the show, student Sarah Jeter said.

Sarah Jeter is assistant costume

HOMECOMING

Trip 'Around the World' unites both campus, community

By Lisa Houtchens
Missourian Reporter

Campus was bustling. Banners adorned the J.W. Jones Student Union. The Performing Arts Center was filled. Greek Life floats, local organizations, high school marching bands and the Northwest Bearcat Marching Band filled the streets. Bearcat Stadium was filled with green and white.

That could only mean one thing for Northwest. Around the World Homecoming 2007 took hold of campus and the community. Not only did student organizations stick to time honored traditions, they threw in some variety.

Campus activities included a comedy show, international buffet, two days of variety shows, the flag raising ceremony, walk-out day, parade and of course, the football game.

The Sigma Kappa Sorority President Sarah Simmelink was happy with the time they finished their float and the fourth place prize it won.

"We finished the float at 8 p.m. on Friday, so we weren't there all night working on it," Simmelink said.

Even the best planning and sizing can be imperfect.

"We had a slight problem, we had to take a few parts off the float so we could get it out of the building," Simmelink said.

Homecoming Secretary Logan Galloway helped with this year's event.

"There's always those things the day of that you can never plan for, of course but it went as smooth as possible," Galloway said.

There was only one problem in the event planning and that made a difference in the parade planning, Galloway said. Although the parade route was a block shorter than it usually is, it still went well and there was a large crowd, he said.

The parade this year had new organizations participated, along with organizations that have participated for many years, Homecoming Chair Krista Paul said.

All together there were around 130 entries in this year's parade, many of which were new organizations, Galloway said.

"There was involvement from the different organizations that haven't participated before and then the participation from organizations that participated year after year made the parade a big success," Paul said. "Seeing the parade on Saturday and looking back on the events of the week all coming together and seeing what we did and what the organizations did was the best part."

This year the variety show was only presented for two nights, whereas in the past it has been shown for three nights.

"It was the first year to cut back the show to two days instead of three. But there was still a really good turnout, we printed out 500 brochures per night and were running out, so we at least know there were over a 1,000 people and that is encouraging," Galloway said.

In place of the one variety showing, there were two comedians that took the stage at the Performing Arts Center.

"I think that it was a great addition to a kind of homecoming tradition, and hopefully that will continue," Galloway said. "It was very interactive, and I think everyone that went had a really good time."

To end homecoming week, the Bearcats took on the Washburn Ichabods. The game had the fifth largest number of attendees in history, the announcer said during the game.

"The whole idea of homecoming is school spirit, and obviously the football game and winning the football game was probably the best part," Galloway said.

"We put in all this hard work to get everybody geared up and to top that off with a win is always nice."



JEONGMIN YI, a student assistant in the president's office, shows a tailor made Korean dress along with a collection of Dean Hubbard's items showing Korean culture during Northwest's "Around the World," Homecoming.

UNIVERSITY WELLNESS CENTER

T-shirts display domestic violence messages



PROJECT ASSISTANT LESLIE BOWMAN designs a T-shirt for the Clothesline Project. The Clothesline Project spreads awareness about domestic violence.

By Netta Hall
Missourian Reporter

For most students, it was hard to miss the colorful graphic T-shirts hung on a clothesline as they walked through the first floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

The clothesline displayed bold shirts designed by survivors of domestic violence. Shirts with messages such as "Silent No More" and "Please Respect Me" caught students' attention as they walked by.

The Lighthouse Project's second annual Clothesline Project was held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

According to Clotheslineproject.org, a Web site about the project, the Clothesline Project began in Cape Cod, Mass. in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women.

The Clothesline Project is also used in other shelters such as the YWCA, Lighthouse Project Director Stacey Wiedmer said.

The Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri is the local domestic violence shelter and provides 24-hour help to victims.

A table was set up with information on domestic violence, with pamphlets and safety plans for those suffering a violent relationship. Blank shirts

were also available for design, along with purple ribbons for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Peer Educator Kelsey Anderson stopped by to check out the Clothesline Project.

"Peer education helps to bring awareness to projects such as the Clothesline Project, which is a great outreach," Anderson said.

The Clothesline Project is a form of art therapy. Project Assistant Leslie Bowman said.

"It's very therapeutic to express the emotions that come from domestic violence. Designing a T-shirt as an outlet for those emotions is definitely a way of healing," Bowman said.

Peer Educator Anita Coleman also took part in the Clothesline Project.

"Most people that have been abused ask, 'Why me? What did I do wrong?' The answer is nothing. It's not your fault. Unfortunately for most it takes a lifetime to figure that out," Coleman said.

"Domestic violence affects all relationships, how you allow yourself to be treated and even how you treat your children. It causes trust issues with everyone."

Raising awareness of domestic violence is important, Wiedmer said.

"If nothing else, seeing the Clothesline Project has caused people to wonder about it," Wiedmer said.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Volunteering a big part of senior's full schedule

By Kelsi Jo Franklin
Missourian Reporter

Free time is often found in college between classes, tests and various extracurricular activities.

There are not many students who spend those precious extra hours volunteering their time helping and working with others for free.

But for senior Erin Jewell, this is where her passion lies.

"Volunteering gives me this amazing feeling," Jewell said. "What better way to help a person than to know you are making a difference in his or her life."

Jewell volunteers for organizations like the Salvation Army

and humane society. She is also an active member of Sigma Society,

The goal is \$20,000, Jewell said.

Her schedule is overflowing with responsibilities, but she never sacrifices her time to volunteer. Jewell racked up 30 hours in the month of October alone.

"I know that I have to make the time to volunteer, and I somehow always find a way to fit it in,"

Erin Jewell, senior

and I somehow always find a way to fit it in," Jewell said.

By spending so much time in the Volunteer Services Office, Coordinator Amy Nally has seen Jewell as an outgoing, motivated and responsible person, Nally said.

"Once you've figured that out, make your contacts and get ready to become involved."

From broken bones to newborn babies, family practitioner Dr. Lori Bonar Snook sees it all.

Snook was recertified by the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM).

She has been a family practitioner at St. Francis hospital in Maryville since 1995.

Snook chose to work in Maryville for a variety of reasons. "It's a nice place to live, a nice place to raise kids," Snook said.

"The certification lasts for seven years, at which point the physician must recertify," Cattoi said.

The ABFM was established to improve the quality of medical care available to the public and maintain standards of excellence in the specialty of family medicine. It was founded in 1969.

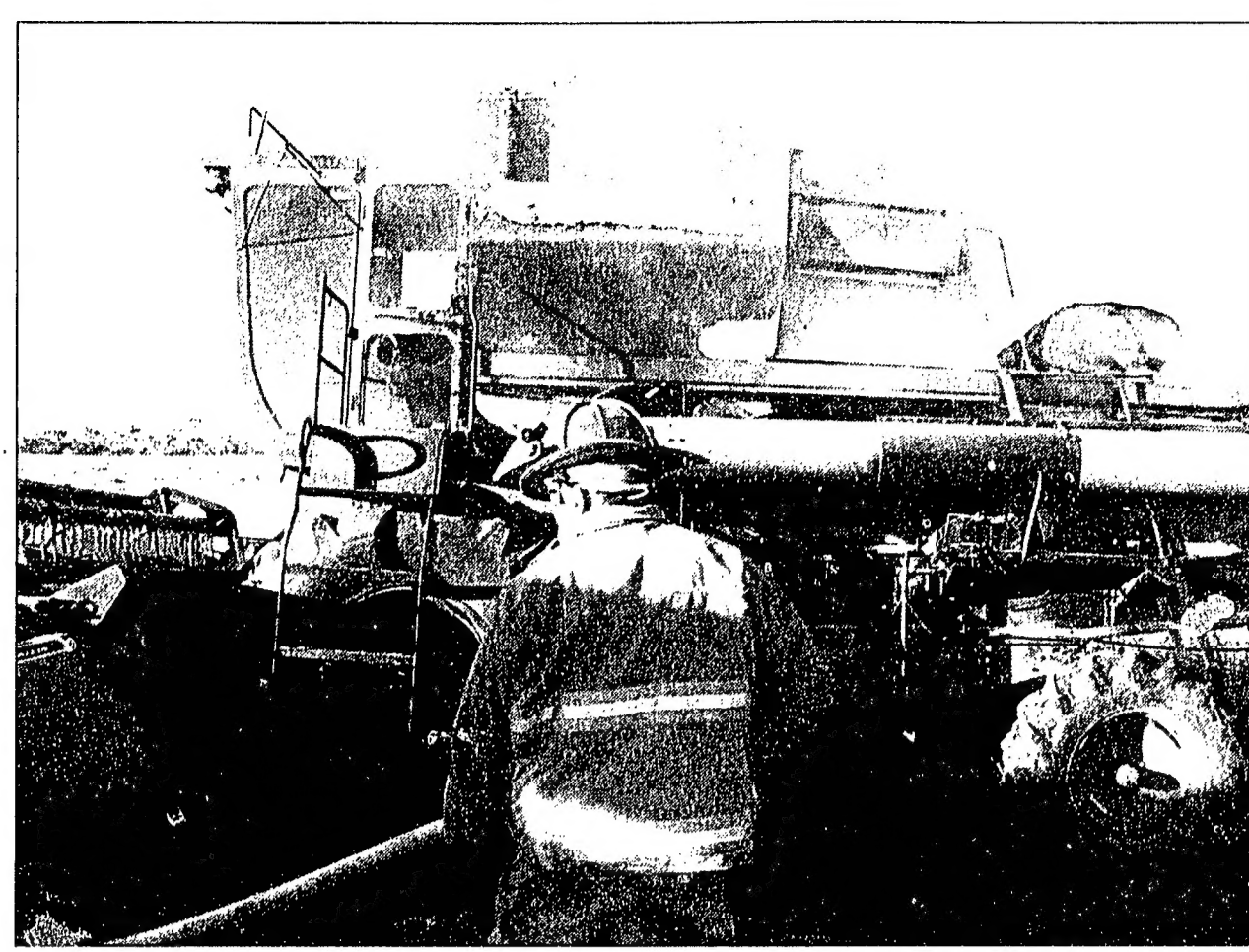
"We are the second largest medical specialty board in the country," Cattoi said.

All St. Francis family practitioners are board certified, Snook said.

COMMUNITY

FALL HARVEST

Fall harvest successful so far, despite weather



A LOCAL FIREFIGHTER assists in putting out a combine fire in Nodaway County just north of Maryville. The combine caught fire after the engine suddenly shut down. No one was hurt in the incident.

Local farmers keeping up with harvest demands

By Sean Comer
Politics/Court Reporter

Local corn and soybean crops should fall in line with statewide expectations, despite heavy rains and dry spells.

Soybeans currently sell for \$9.02 per bushel and corn (primarily yellow) for \$3.30 per bushel, surpassing typical prices, Maryville grain merchandiser Twyllia Stiens said.

Soybeans usually fetch prices in the \$5 to \$6 range and corn usually averages \$2, she said.

Though a total yield cannot be determined until the end of the harvest season, the Missouri Agricultural Statistic office anticipates a slight slip in northwest Missouri corn yield and a consistent yield of soybeans.

Northwest Missouri yielded 141.4 bushels per acre of corn in 2006 but officials anticipate 137 bushels per acre for 2007.

Estimates have northwest Missouri producing 42 bushels per acre of soybeans, matching the 2006 yield.

Crops defied a dry month of July to produce this year's expectation-exceeding crop, Stiens said.

Corn, however, has not dried enough to recover from heavy rains during the summer.

Moist corn fetches a lower price than a properly dried crop.

Many farmers replanted crops following May's heavy rains that damaged crops, Stiens said.

In addition to doing millions of dollars in damages to rural bridges, according to estimates from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Nodaway County Commission, replanting has also meant a later harvest, while farmers have waited for crops to develop.

Demand for ethanol-blended

fuels has driven up corn prices, while bio-diesel fuel demands have driven up the price of soybeans, Stiens said.

Prices, though, still have room to rise during December and January.

Farmer David Stiens weighed in on this year's crop as he weighed a truckload of soybeans Tuesday afternoon.

David has harvested 45 to 55 bushels per acre of soybeans from 1100 acres.

"I'd call this a tough year," David said. "We went from flood, to drought, to flood. It just kind of keeps you guessing."

Local farmers have harvested roughly two-thirds of this year's crops, Twyllia said.

Twyllia also predicted harvesting should wrap up by mid-November, if the weather cooperates.

PRODUCT RED

Hallmark helping to spread AIDS awareness



ASHLEY WILSON (LEFT) and Erin McElroy (right) admire the display of Product RED products sold at Rod's Hallmark in Maryville. Product RED profits assist with medication costs for AIDS victims dying in Africa.

Customers can purchase Product RED items, proceeds benefit terminally ill

By Jessie Voyles-Stanze
Missourian Reporter

Maryville's Hallmark is now a proud partner of Product RED.

The line, consisting of over 100 things and 23 types of cards, gives 8 percent of its profits to buy and distribute medicine to the 40 million AIDS victims dying in Africa, especially women and children.

Product RED stands as a reminder of the things that matter most in life and is a program designed to spread the message that people care.

Starting about a month ago, the opportunity to give back to AIDS fighters around the world was brought to Maryville Hallmark.

Currently in stock are singing cards, mud cloth bags, holiday gift wrap and the holiday boxed card collection.

"We carry mud bags-a cloth bag with different patterns representing different cultural regions and made by women in those regions, some of which could be years worth of wages," Hallmark Manager Renne Schagirl said. "The color is a dark brown mud used to dye materials which are used to make the

actual bag."

A portion of the proceeds goes directly to women and children in Africa who are AIDS victims.

"It is our way of supporting it instead of direct phone call of cash, we have a way to spread the word. People get to actually have an item in their hand and feel like their money is really doing something," Schagirl said.

Northwest Freshman Tara McQuaide finds the cards helpful. "The cards are really cute, especially the Marvin Gays, Let's Get it On, so you get to help people and get something out of it."

RED, a business model of social and economical power in communities.

"People buy products and AIDS victims get the medicine and treatment from that money. Through this process people are given the chance to live. It's really a simple idea."

"It's good that they are making AIDS aware to people because so many people seem to think that it's just for homosexuals."

"People can take part in helping these people in need," sophomore Jessica Scipiel said.

CITY BRIEFS

Community Blood Drive to be held

Local residents can help the community by donating blood at the Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Maryville United Methodist Church.

The blood drive will take place in the church's fellowship hall located at 102 North Main Street.

Local needs are expected to rise and the community needs 580 pints everyday to meet the needs of the area.

Appointments can be made by contacting Carol Jean Osborn at (660) 582-8957.

Take precaution against 'Superbug'

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services have updated information available about MRSA.

Information about the labeled "Super Bug" includes reason and how Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) can be contracted and ways to prevent the infection.

The information on MRSA is on the departments website, Dhs. mo.gov and located at the top of the page.

For more information contact the Nodaway County Health Center at (660) 562-4995.

Presbyterian Church planning retreat

On Nov. 3, church officials will be joining Revs. Don Steiner, Craig Holsted and Nancy profit for an all day "needs" assessment retreat.

From this retreat, knowledge will be gathered to help church members fill out the Church Information Form as well as give a common goal and statement as to church identification and where it's going in the future.

Nodaway Chorale Concert to be held

On Nov. 4, the Nodaway Chorale Concert will be held at St. Gregory's Catholic Church at 8 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at 220 N. Main or from any member of the Chorale.

Prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for students and children under age 12 are free.

Jesse James Antique Mall anniversary

The Jesse James Antique Mall in St. Joseph is celebrating its 10 year anniversary Nov. 9 to Nov. 19.

The store is decorated for the holidays with special savings throughout.

Door prizes will be awarded periodically throughout the 10 days. In celebration of 10 years, the mall will have vintage Christmas items, one of a kind furniture pieces and other antiques on sale.

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Krazy Karaoke Contest
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Partial proceeds go to Abby's Hugs which provides activities for kids at St. Francis Hospital
Karaoke services provided by Rob Conch
by NW Marketing Association & Quinn's Sports Center

OUR VIEW

Tenant secured, time to focus on academic gains

It's been three companies and almost three years in the making. More than two years ago administrators broke ground on the Missouri Center of Excellence.

On Oct. 25, Northwest signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Carbolytic Materials Co., LLC.

There have been roadblocks along the way. With all the drama surrounding the sale of assets from the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority, then Ventria Bioscience and Edspace Systems Corporations backing out as tenants, it seemed Northwest would never get to this point.

Ideally the Center would feature a 50-50 academic and business purpose. The Northwest Missourian understands that the business side is important, or else we would have no tenant at all. But now that we seemingly have a tenant and the first installment of government funding secured, perhaps it's time we look at how the students will also benefit.

It seems that with all the other logistics, the students were pushed to the back burner. In its press release, the administration stated that the University's Graduate Applied Research Center primarily would help those students in the science and technology departments. But those of us here at the Missourian felt this all sounds a little vague.

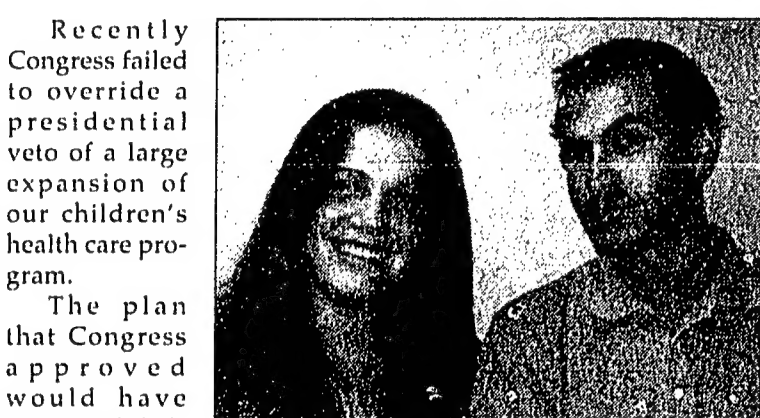
Exactly what graduate programs will be offered? Will there be more graduate assistantships? Will undergraduates benefit? Approximately how many students will this actually affect?

Recently, the administration hinted soon they would have more information on just how this company would work with the academic programs. We hope the administration focuses on the academics and provides real answers for this project. The Missourian will keep its eyes and ears open for more information surrounding this project.

We understand the administration cares about their students; we just hope they understand that we care as much as they do.

MY VIEW

SCHIP should give citizens hand up, not handout



Sarah York and Jeff Kanger
Contributing Columnists

Recently Congress failed to override a presidential veto of a large expansion of our children's health care program.

The plan that Congress approved would have increased federal spending on the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) by \$35 billion and increased the number of children covered from 6 million to 10 million.

Although Congress failed to override the veto, that has not prevented them from raising the issue again and trying to pass yet another bill. The president has attempted a compromise saying

that he may support a plan that only costs \$15 billion and would cover a family of four that makes \$61,950 a year — three times the poverty level.

SCHIP is designed to help families that make too much for Medicaid and not enough to afford medical insurance. The families that would receive these new benefits are taxpayers unlike many others that get by on their handouts from Uncle Sam. This program helps the taxpayer, not the freeloader.

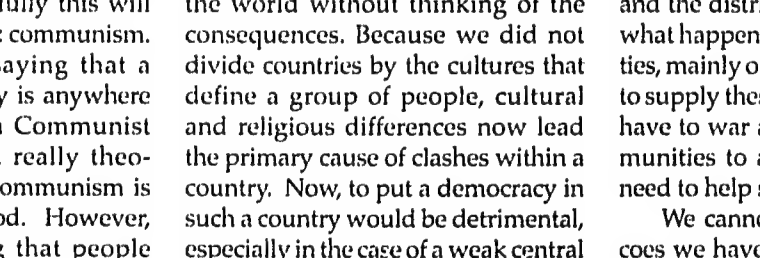
It is important that Congress compromises on this issue and gets something passed that helps the middle class. This is not a program that rewards people for not working. Rather, this program helps families that are trying to make it on their own. It is a unique program and one that should be embraced.

However, as we go down this road it is important that we not get carried away with government aid and assistance. SCHIP should not be the first step toward socialized healthcare. This program provides government assistance for affordable health care, it does not put the government in the business of providing health care services, which is something that should not be done.

When the government gets too involved and tries to do too much it fails. If you want to know how successful the government is at providing services and then regulating them just ask your professor about No Child Left Behind.

This expansion is a rare opportunity for the middle class to get a hand up and not a hand out, and should be passed in some capacity.

U.S. democracy model not 'one size fits all' solution worldwide



Kathleen Wilmes
Contributing Columnist

After reading articles about President George Bush waiting for Fidel Castro to die to make Cuba a democracy, I angrily debated with some friends the flaws in assuming one type of government is superior to all the rest, speaking mostly of a democracy. True, democracies have worked for several countries. But not every country is comparable to the United States. Even one of the founding thinkers of our country, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, debated that there was no one type of government superior to all the rest.

Sometimes an institution is theoretically perfect. However, once in place, it is prone to fall apart. Does this sound familiar to anybody? If not, hopefully this will ring a bell: communism.

I'm not saying that a democracy is anywhere close to a Communist state, but really theoretically, communism is pretty good. However, one thing that people overlooked was human nature. Among other things, greed, power, and ambition got in the way of government. Except in this case, it isn't necessarily greed getting in the way of how a government works, but rather other parts of human nature — mainly of culture and religion.

Many countries throughout the world are divided by their culture. This of course happened after World War II when we sat down and divided the world without thinking of the consequences. Because we did not divide countries by the cultures that define a group of people, cultural and religious differences now lead the primary cause of clashes within a country. Now, to put a democracy in such a country would be detrimental, especially in the case of a weak central government. What would happen to a country where there was no strong central government and several cultures in one land boundary? Look at Africa. That is an easy example. And to further support my claim, look into Iraq, the most modern example of a failed democracy.

In the case of a weak central government, the government cannot supply the basic things people need, such as order, defense, public goods (things people cannot provide themselves) and the distribution of resources. So what happens then? Local communities, mainly of one basic culture, begin to supply these things and sometimes have to war against other local communities to acquire the things they need to help support their people.

We cannot forget the many fascioses we have waged when trying to push democracy around the world. Let's start with the most recent, and go back throughout history to the modern presidential era (a time frame of presidents starting with FDR): Iraq, Vietnam, the Bay of Pigs and North Korea.

Now some people will yell and shout when reading this, what about us? Did we not work as a democracy after the American Revolution?

Not every country is comparable to the United States. The ideals that make up the United States are far different than the ideals that make any other country unique. Even our ideals now are different than they were at the conception and birth of our country.

Do you really think that Bush is concerned about human rights of each country? No. His main concern is the benefits to the United States.

So do you think that Bush is concerned about the people of Cuba when waiting for their dictator to die? No. He is concerned about the proximity of Cuba to the United States. He is concerned with the defense of our nation.

Is that such a bad thing? No, not at all. The problem isn't this, but the pushing of one type of government on the rest of the world.

OPINION

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In response to "Your Man fights the Great Squirrel Rebellion" You Might Be a Redneck If... posted 10/28

I loved this story... except for the fact that I am a redneck, but I do not particularly like NASCAR... but I loved "Talledega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby." My grandparents are hillbillies and I have their blood in me... I am a short-tempered redneck from the city, but I also agree to the fact that the squirrels are taking the campus over... and the only people who would pledge allegiance to the maple leaf are Canadians (sorry if you're from there) always.

In response to "Your Man questions SAC's spending abilities" Bearcat posted 10/28

Is anyone here old enough to remember when the SAC fee was added to the plate? I was. Actually I was a Student Senator and voted for the fee. Why, well at the time the university was bringing in one comedian, concert, a couple speakers and a couple activities per semester. This fee was supposed to supplement the activities sponsored by Campus activities.

Well I've up and graduated and I look back and what has changed? Not much the scheduling remains largely the same and now rather than decent activities, lower budget acts are coming in, attendance has dropped off, and students are paying more. It's time this fee is dropped and the activities are resumed to pre-SAC days.

Student posted 10/28

I know you would know what it was like before the activity fees, but I would guarantee you voted something has changed since those fees have been put into action. You said that only one comedian, concert, and a few speakers would come to campus. Well so far, SAC has put on many activities for students to go to, and all have been great. I have had two concerts, two comedians, a hypnotist, and lots of other random ways to entertain people. Every Thursday at the Union there is something going on, whether it is poker night, bingo night, or a night just to name a few. You can also win big prizes at these events. The Hinder concert last year sold out, and you can't have a bigger attendance than that. SAC also has donated money to other organizations to help them bring people to campus. SAC sponsored the comedian for MOSIAC, and is also sponsoring the entertainment for the last day of Up 'til Dawn. Just to name a few. SAC also just helped put on a Walk Out day celebration along with the IIC, and RHA, which many students went to. In the future, SAC is working on having a huge spring concert, African dancers, a gospel choir, and many other things for students to go to. There are also well known speakers coming to campus such as one of the producers from Family Guy, one of the makers of Ben and Jerry's ice cream and two other lectures. I am pretty sure that this is more than SAC has been able to do in the past because when the students pay the activity fee, the budget for entertainment for students grows; therefore SAC can put on more events. It is beneficial to the students that there are more events put on because there is more of a variety is put out there for the students. If you don't like the fall concert, maybe the spring one with interest you. If you didn't like bingo night, then maybe poker night will be better. SAC is also working on bringing back Wednesdays live at JW's.

Public Safety

Sept. 17
Lauren K. Hodgson, 21, Maryville, driving while suspended, exceeding posted speed limit, 400 W. Fourth

Oct. 9
Fire alarm, 3100 E. First

Oct. 10
Larissa A. Maranell, 19, Maryville, wanted on warrant, failure to appear, 400 N. Market

Oct. 11
Charles T. Gochenour, 21, Maryville, driving without a valid driver's license, failure to display license plates, 300 W. Seventh

Oct. 14
Craig A. Knudsen, 22, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, 400 N. Mulberry

Jonathan D. Kountz, 20, St. Joseph, MIP, 400 N. Buchanan

Oct. 17
Jack L. Partridge III, 20, Maryville, MIP; Jessica D. Law, 20, Maryville, MIP; Sarah R. Pierson, 19, Maryville, MIP, 200 W. Twelfth

Oct. 19
Burglary first degree, ongoing investigation, 1200 E. Fourth

Brett R. Robinson, 22, Maryville, DWI, careless and imprudent driving, 700 W. Ninth

Oct. 20
Building fire, 200 E. Summit Dr.

Ashley M. Schultz, 18, Maryville, simple assault, 400 S. Main

Fred C. Myers Jr., 40, Maryville, driving while revoked, improper registration, 600 N. Country Club

Jarrod Brumley, 30, Barnard, simple assault, 200 N. Buchanan

Oct. 21
Recovered property, large plastic banner, 400 N. Country Club

Jimmie J. Potter, 22, Maryville, DWI, careless and imprudent driving, 700 W. Ninth

Oct. 22
Larceny, ongoing investigation, 1600 S. Main

Oct. 23
Property damage, ongoing investigation, 1400 S. Dewey

Anthony O. Ferry, 21, St. Joseph, driving while suspended, 100 W. First

Michael A. Lowson Jr., 18, Maryville, contempt of court, 400 N. Market

Carolyn Galloway, 50, Graham, contempt of court, 400 N. Market

Property damage second degree, ongoing investigation, 300 S. Laura

Oct. 25
Timothy R. Wilmes, 39, Maryville, driving without a valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, improper registration, 900 S. Main

Christina D. Somerville, 27, Tarkio, wanted on warrant, failure to appear, 200 E. Third

Recovered property, bicycle, 1000 N. Main

Arnette C. Burks, 18, St. Joseph, under 19 in a bar, knowingly displaying another person's driver's license as own, 300 N. Market

Thomas E. Hooker, 47, Maryville, code violation, 400 W. Fifth

Oct. 26
Tyler K. Sikes, 22, Blue Springs, failure to comply, 300 N. Market

Ronnie L. Fuller, 39, Maryville, wanted on warrant, failure to appear, 600 E. First

Zachary E. Chambers, 21, Maryville, failure to comply;

Mathew D. Weise, 18, Treynor, Iowa, MIP, 700 N. Walnut

Janay D. Campin, 19, Maryville, MIP; Stacy A. Underwood, 18, Maryville, MIP, 300 W. Sixth

Nicholas J. Love, 20, Bellevue, Neb., MIP, 300 W. Eighth

Jared W. Stiens, 23, Maryville, failure to comply, 300 N. Market

Bryan W. Sobotka, 30, Barnard, failure to comply, 200 E. Third

Travis L. Treat, 18, Red Oak, Iowa, MIP, 700 N. Walnut

Oct. 27
Jeremiah L. Roenfeld, 22, Malvern, Iowa, disorderly conduct, littering, 300 W. Eighth

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 500 S. Main

Erik D. Herins, 18, Maryville, MIP, zero tolerance, 200 S. Main

Joseph A. Russo, 22, Peru, Neb., indecent exposure, 600 N. Walnut

Lost/stolen property, ongoing investigation, 300 N. Market

Kyle E. Heffley, 20, Maryville, MIP, 300 E. Seventh

Oct. 28
Shalbie A. Light, 19, Redfield, Iowa, MIP; Kaitlin E. Stark, 18, Kansas City, Mo., MIP, 500 W. Ninth

Jesse L.R. Jones, 17, Maryville, dog at large, 500 E. Fifth

Grace E. Baker, 19, Maryville, MIP; Autumn D. Disney, 20, Maryville, MIP, 500 W. Ninth

ACCIDENTS

Oct. 23
Brent M. Shepherd, 24, Maryville, collided with Melissa N. Eckstein, 28, Maryville, at the intersection of West Fifth and North Buchanan

Oct. 17
Barbara J. Noland, 42, Maryville, collided with Lindsey A. Bliss, 22, Maryville, at the intersection of North Buchanan and West Second when Noland failed to yield.

Oct. 21
Brenda R. Beason, 34, Skidmore, collided with Kipper L. Burson, 39, Maryville, and Clay T. Threlkeld, 22, Paris, Mo., at the intersection of U.S. Business 71 and East Torrance

Oct. 23
Marcus A. Meinecke, 22, Maryville, collided with Kipper L. Burson, 39, Maryville, and Clay T. Threlkeld, 22, Paris, Mo., at the intersection of U.S. Business 71 and East Torrance

Oct. 24
Carol S. Newsome, 43, Maryville, collided with Sarah R. Pierson, 19, Maryville, at the intersection of North Walnut and West Third

Michael J. "Mike" Byland, 58, died Oct. 16, 2007, at his home in rural Maryville.

Oct. 25
Emma R. Walker, 51, Maryville, collided with an unknown driver at the intersection of East Second and North Water

Oct. 26
Billy J. Stephenson, 16, Maryville, collided with Linda C. Kenny, 59, Maryville, at the intersection of Business Highway 71 South and West Lincoln

Oct. 27
Peggy J. Carroll, 48, Maryville, collided with Marissa L. Houston, 18, Maryville, at the intersection of East Edwards and South Saunders when Houston failed to yield

An unknown driver collided with the vehicle owned by Mark J. Kloefer, Defiance, Iowa, on the 700 Block of East Seventh Street

Military services were conducted at graveside by James Edward Gray American Legion Post No. 100 of Maryville.

Memorials may be made to St. Gregory's School in Maryville in Mike's name.

BIRTH

Drew Joseph Dack, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, was born Oct. 18, 2007 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He is the son of

Anron and Julie Dack of Ravenwood.

His maternal grandparents are David and Teresa Godsey of Ravenwood, and his paternal grandparents are Larry and Donna Dack, also of Ravenwood.

He has a brother, Lane Nicholas Dack.

Lucas Dean Duff, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, was born Oct. 15, 2007 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He is the son of Jonathan and Sally Duff of Maryville.

His maternal grandparents are Tom and Libby Stiens of Maryville and his paternal grandparents are George and Sara Beth Duff of Maryville.

OBITUARIES

Roy Donald Thompson, 73, died Oct. 18, 2007, at his home in Pickering.

He was born June 15, 1934, in Hopkins to Roy and Leta (Flores) Thompson. He was a 1952 graduate of Hopkins High School.

R.D. married Helen Joy Wilson on June 6, 1954, in Hopkins. She preceded him in death on June 2, 2007.

A retired farmer, he was a member of the Hopkyns Christian Church and the Pickering Lion's Club.

He is survived by two daughters, Debra Powell and husband Steve of Bedford, Iowa and Diane Gregg and husband Terry of Adrian; four grandchildren: Clinton Powell and wife Kandra of Omaha, Neb., Derek Powell of Bedford, Texas and Taryn Gregg of Adrian; two step-grandsons: Josh Gregg and wife Crystal of Grain Valley and Joe Gregg of Panama City, Fla.; and one step-great-granddaughter Priscilla Gregg of Grain Valley.

Visitation was held Sunday at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville.

Graveside services and burial were Monday at Hopkins Cemetery in Hopkins.

Memorials may be made to the Hopkins Christian Church.

Michael J. "Mike" Byland, 58, died Oct. 16, 2007, at his home in rural Maryville.

He was born Nov. 5, 1948, in Lenawee County, Mich. He was the son of Benjamin and Lillian (Giboney) Byland. Mike was a 1967 graduate of Maryville High School in Maryville, attended Northwest and served in the U.S. Navy.

He was a member of St. Gregory's Parish in Maryville.

Mike was a horseman. He had worked at Double D Farms (his father's), the Race Track in Hot Springs, Ark. and most recently at AK Bar Ben in Omaha, Neb.

Mike was preceded in death by parents and sister, Nancy Byland.

He is survived by his brother: John T. Byland of Maryville.

Visitation was at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday at St. Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Church in Maryville with burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Maryville.

Military services were conducted at graveside by James Edward Gray American Legion Post No. 100 of Maryville.

Memorials may be made to St. Gregory's School in Maryville in Mike's name.

NEFF: Program provides stuffed animals

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would often have to take her to Omaha's Children's Hospital for outpatient procedures and testing. The visits would often make Abrielle nervous. To provide comfort to Abrielle, the hospital would give her a stuffed animal to hug.

That was the inspiration for Abby's Hugs, one of the programs started by Brenda under the Abrielle Neff Foundation.

"After the accident, we discovered that they didn't have anything like that out here (St. Francis Hospital in Maryville)," Brenda said.

"So we decided to start doing it," Madysen Neff said.

In cooperation with St. Francis Hospital and Health Services in Maryville, Abby's Hugs was started. Children admitted to the emergency room would receive a stuffed animal to help them get through their tough visit.

"We just know the comfort that it brought Abby," Brenda said.

The Abrielle Neff Foundation collects the stuffed animals and places them in a germ-free Ziploc bag along with a card that contains a poem and description of how the program was started.

The Foundation then passes the animals along to the St. Francis Hospital, who then pass them out to children who have to make an emergency room visit. The ani-

mals have already begun to make a difference, ED Nurse Manager Pat Giffin said.

"We've had some kids that are scared to death to be in the ER because they've got a cut or something and we have to clean it up," Giffin said. "Some of the stuff we do isn't always comfortable."

"When we can start it off with by giving them one of (the stuffed animals) and kind of making friends with them, they trust us a lot better."

"Whether you're sad, hurt, or feeling fright, I'm here to help out. By hugging me tight."

Abby's Hugs has been just one of the Foundation's charitable endeavors.

Other donations made through the Abrielle Neff Foundation include a playhouse for the Eugene Field Elementary school, books for a preschool and coloring books and crayons to the hospital.

The Neffs have received a lot of donations and help from family, friends and others willing to help, Brenda said.

"Basically, we wouldn't be able to do all that we do without people giving us their time," Brenda said.

"Mrs. Neff is a peach to work with," Giffin said. "She came to us with the idea. She's come to us and said if there's other things

that we see that children need that they will help us get that. They haven't done just the toys here."

Brenda said the foundation plans to branch out and address other things later on. Other goals include educating people on organ donation and providing scholarships.

"Basically, we're going to focus on children and whatever the community needs are at the time for the kids," Brenda said.

The Abrielle Neff Foundation is accurately recreated in Abrielle's spirit, Brenda said.

"Our little girl loved to help, she couldn't sit still, she wanted to help people," Brenda said.

"I guess when you think about it, you feel really blessed to have had her when we did, for as long as we did," Brenda said. "She was, for a 3-year-old, she was almost four, she was a very unselfish child. She was genuinely happy for other people."

"She would have been thrilled with that... She would just be so excited."

Brenda wrote the poem that is included with every stuffed animal the foundation donates. And although Abrielle has passed on, she helps to get other children through their stay, much in the same way she once used.

"So with each little squeeze, Let your feelings go And you'll be back home Faster than you know."

TREAT: Businesses provide candy

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their children grabbing candy including Kim Offutt, who was walking with her son.

"I think it's good for business and families," Offutt said. "My favorite thing is spending time with

my son and seeing him have fun."

Keith Swinford, father of Sydney and Addison Swinford said this event makes a safer environment for the children of the community.

"I think it's good for the community because it gets the kids out

here in the local business instead of out on the streets where there is more traffic," Keith Swinford said. "My kids love it; they get to get out here and see a lot of other kids in their costumes and they just have a good time."

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MONTGOMERY: Jury rejects defense's insanity plea

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Kevin Montgomery, Lisa's husband, declined comment to media waiting outside the courtroom.

As he attempted to leave the courtroom, Montgomery entered into a confrontation with waiting media.

"Get the camera out of my face, please. I asked you nice once," Montgomery said to one journalist.

"The prosecutors gave you a circus," Montgomery said. "It was pretty bad when you think there's a winner in this."

One reporter asked Montgomery if he still loved his wife.

"Are you married?" Montgomery asked. "She's my friend, she's my wife. When you get married you take a promise. I don't take that lightly."

Lead defense attorney Fred Duchardt is in the process of drafting an appeal. Duchardt will

appeal on the grounds that Federal District Judge Gary A. Finner refused to allow the testimony of University of Pennsylvania psychiatrist Ruben Gur.

"It's a sad, sad day," Duchardt said. "A lady who's really sick was involved in something really terrible. We couldn't be more saddened by the result."

"The defense doctors were top-notch in what they saw in Lisa. Obviously, the jury had a hard time getting past the gravity of the offense."

The prosecution argued that Montgomery planned the kidnapping because she feared losing child support benefits and custody of her four children to ex-husband Carl Boman.

The defense countered that a history of teenaged sexual abuse from stepfather Jack Kleiner, her biological father John Patterson's abandonment of Montgomery and sister Patty Baldwin at a young age

and a lifetime of emotional abuse from mother Judy Shaughnessy resulted in mental disease and delusion.

Whitworth deemed the case a victory over what he in his closing argument called the "abuse excuse."

"I just think as a society, we can't let the fact that people had bad parents or didn't have a good childhood be used as an excuse to go out and commit violent felonies," Whitworth said. "Somebody commits a serious crime and they'll drudge up things that happened 20, 30 years ago and say 'That's the reason for it and you should let me off.'"

When asked to describe Montgomery, Whitworth said "She's a cold-blooded killer."

U.S. attorney John Wood expressed his thanks to law enforcement authorities for ensuring the safety of Victoria Jo Stinnett.

"We are confident that justice

has been served in this case," said Wood. "It is hard to imagine a better example of law enforcement cooperation than the efforts that led to the successful rescue of baby Victoria Jo from her mother's killer."

Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey responded first to Harper's Dec. 16, 2004, 911 call from Bobbie Jo's home. As he waited Thursday afternoon for the jury to return a sentence, he reflected on the cooperation of law enforcement agencies. Authorities safely recovered Victoria Jo within 20 hours of issuing an Amber Alert.

"I'm not afraid to ask for help," Espey said. "I didn't wait 24 hours to ask for assistance, it was done immediately. If it would've been just one agency, we wouldn't have been recognized."

Montgomery now becomes only the second female prisoner now on federal death row. She joins Angela Johnson, who awaits the death penalty in Texas.

CENTER: Partnership to offer graduate opportunities

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shredded tires. ApexCM is a substance that makes tires black and reinforces them and other rubber and plastic products, such as belts, gaskets and pipes.

The substance can be used as an alternative to the less environmentally friendly carbon black, which is produced by the incomplete combustion of oil and natural gas.

CMC also uses its technology to recover and recycle the "ingredients" of rubber products — including oil, gas and the ApexCM.

One shredded tire, for example, can produce more than a gallon of oil after processing, according to a Northwest news release.

A big problem for landfills is the burning of scrap tires, which can pollute the air, Hubbard said. CMC processes these tires using a vacuum, which ensures no pollutants

are released.

The Center's other half will house Northwest's Graduate Applied Research Center, where students and faculty will work with CMC to analyze its technology in an effort to use it to its full potential.

For the MOU, Northwest will buy and install necessary equipment at the Center, as specified by CMC.

In addition to CMC, Hubbard said earlier in the fall a second company had expressed a strong interest in leasing the Center. However, that company, which practices diagnostic testing using nanotechnology, had not made a final decision at the time, he said.

Both Hubbard and University Relations indicated additional news regarding the Center could be released soon. Log on to Northwestnews.com for further developments on this story.

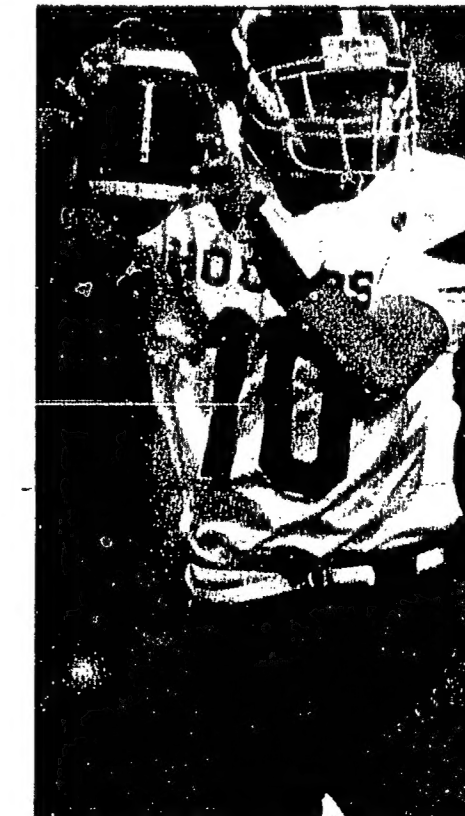
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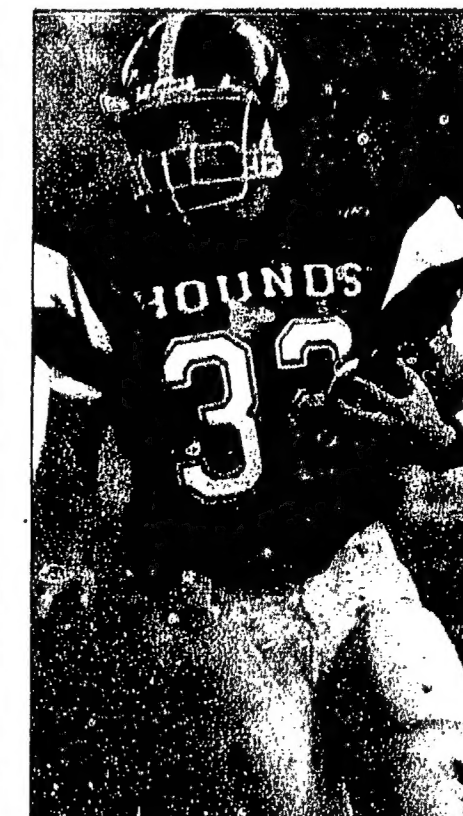


MARYVILLE HEAD COACH Chris Holt eyes action during last Friday's game against Plattsburg. Holt directed the Spoofhounds to an 8-1 record heading into tonight's game against Bishop LeBlond. The 'Hounds' were 2-7 in 2005 and 4-6 last year.



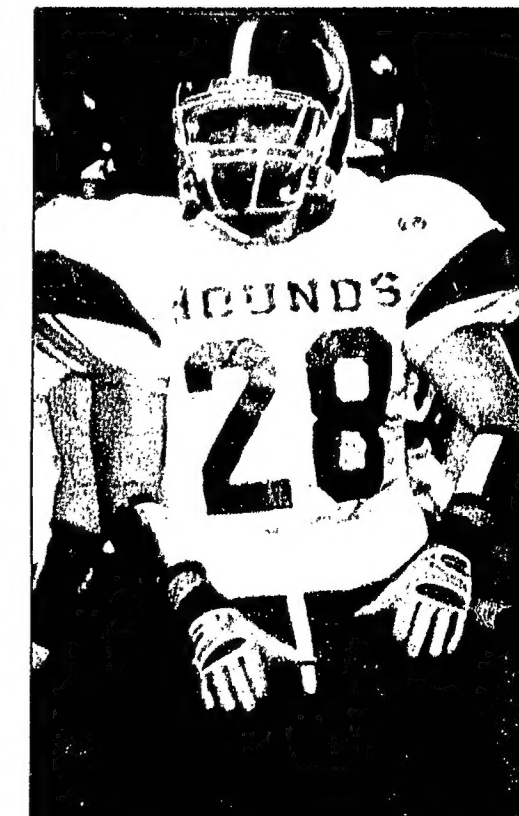
Andy Walter

At quarterback, Andy Walter is a two-year starter for the 'Hounds. Walter has 11 touchdowns passes this season. Against Platte County and Savannah, Walter totaled over an 80 percent completion percentage.



Adam Mattson

Adam Mattson has 1,019 yards rushing, good enough to lead the MHS. Mattson also leads the 'Hounds in touchdowns with 16. Only a junior, Mattson will be the only returning skill-position starter next season.



Tyler Oglesby

Tyler Oglesby is a 2-time all-conference performer as a linebacker. The senior played both ways after nursing a separated shoulder for the season's first two weeks. As a fullback, Oglesby collected four touchdowns this season.

District loss overshadows remarkable season

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

Sometimes fate can be cruel. During a season where it took seven games to decide a conference title, it took only one quarter to spoil a dream.

A season that had a team poised for a run to the state championship saw a third quarter in Lawson nullify years of hard work.

"It was hard to swallow because that was our No. 1 goal," coach Chris Holt said. "It was something that we really wanted,

and to not get it. I feel sorry for the seniors more than anything. The underclassmen will get another opportunity, those seniors won't. They'll never get that back."

In most states, a regular-season loss to a No. 1 team won't derail an entire season. In most districts, a No. 4-ranked team won't find itself an underdog to get to the playoffs.

The 2007 Maryville Spoofhounds wound up on the wrong end of both improbable scenarios as their 28-20 loss will likely make them a 9-1 team on the outside of the promise land.

Quarterback Andy Walter questioned

the justice of a system that rewards teams for their play in just three games, instead of an entire season.

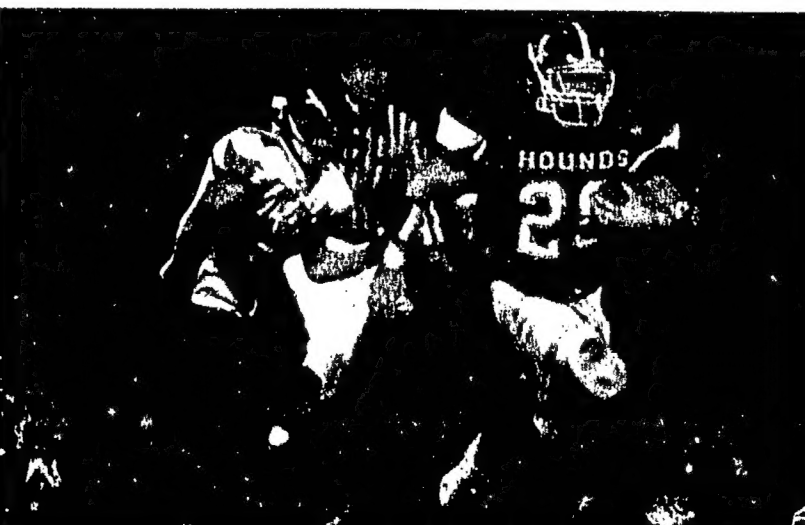
"We could've gone 0-7, then won our three district games and been a 3-7 team and be in the playoffs," Walter said. "Then you got some 9-1 teams that don't make the playoffs. It's just the bad luck of the draw I guess."

While unfortunate, the district loss cannot erase a season that saw the 'Hounds' football team rise up from mediocrity and make believers out of an entire region.

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MHS FOOTBALL

Win could serve as consolation prize



MARYVILLE SENIOR FULLBACK Tyler Oglesby avoids a Plattsburg defender during last Friday's 54-14 victory. Oglesby and 12 other seniors will play their last game tonight at LeBlond.

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, the Maryville football team did not picture its season coming to an end tonight.

Instead, the Spoofhounds envisioned a trip to the state playoffs.

But with Lawson's victory over Bishop LeBlond last week, those hopes were officially dashed. Maryville (8-1) will have to settle for a potential consolation prize as it will tie for the second most wins in the school's regular season history.

With nothing but pride on the line, coach Chris Holt said this is not new as their 54-14 win over Plattsburg amounted to nothing

more than a number in a column.

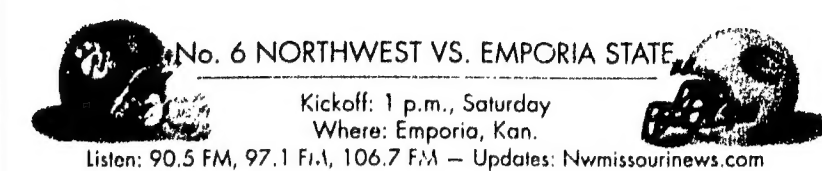
"That (playing for pride) was kind of what it was last week," Holt said. "Because we knew. Most of us didn't think Lawson would lose to LeBlond and they didn't. They weren't supposed to, they were the better team."

Maryville thrived last week in playing with no playoff implications as it had a field day against Plattsburg, outscoring them 48-0 in the first half.

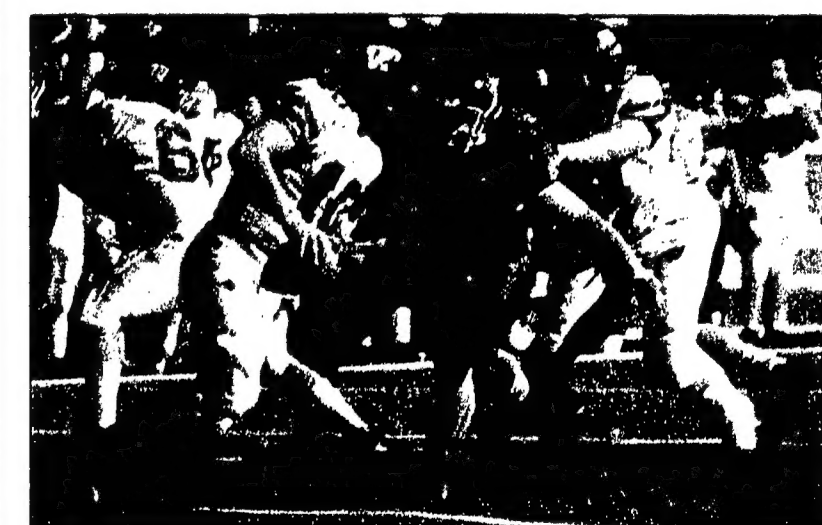
LeBlond (3-5) figures to be a bit more of a challenge as it defeated Plattsburg 34-20 in their meeting and played Lawson to a 7-7 tie in the first quarter.

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NW FOOTBALL



Hornets in way of outright MIAA title



NORTHWEST DEFENSIVE END Caleb Dohman breaks through the Washburn line during last Saturday's 28-27 victory. Dohman leads the team with five sacks, as Northwest returns to action at Emporia Saturday.

Regional rankings could get makeover after key conference clashes Saturday

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

No. 6 Northwest's 28-27 win last Saturday over Washburn did more than secure at least a share of the MIAA championship. It may have locked Northwest in as the No. 2 seed in the Southwest region.

Washburn, which lost on a missed extra point by kicker Andrew Knight, fell from No. 6 to No. 11 in Monday's latest regional rankings. Missouri Western is No. 4, while Pittsburg State is at No. 5. Western plays No. 10 Central Missouri Saturday, while Pittsburg State plays No. 11 Washburn with the results of those games potentially shaking up the region next week. The top six at the end of the regular season advance to the Division II playoffs.

While these four MIAA teams are fighting for their playoff lives, a win by Northwest Saturday, at 3-6 Emporia State assures Northwest of an outright conference championship.

"I think at this point, we celebrate that we won a conference championship," Northwest coach Mel Tjerdema said. "And now we move on with the next step and that's to win it outright and put ourselves in a good position for the playoffs."

The possibility of a No. 1 seed isn't out of reach for Northwest.

Josh Mathews (shoulder) questionable
LaRon Council (leg) out

Woodhead, who was out with a foot injury. However, Chadron's final two opponents, Western State and Adams State, have a combined record of 3-16.

"There's still two weeks left to go and a lot can happen," Tjerdema said.

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NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Division I team awaits as exhibitions begin

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

The Northwest women's basketball team is getting a tune-up before embarking on the 5-month regular season journey. But the Bears are facing a team unlike the others on their schedule.

Saturday's game is at Illinois State, a Division I program.

"We've played Division I programs four years since I've been here, and they haven't really been close," Northwest coach Gene Steinmeyer said.

Last year the 'Cats trailed the Redbirds 27-24 during the first half, but fell behind 50-37 heading into the halftime break. Illinois State allowed four second half field goals, en route to a 92-59 victory.

"We've never played a complete 40-minute game in these (games)," Steinmeyer said. "Everyone else in the conference is competing with these teams, except us."

The match-up won't get any easier for Northwest this year. The Redbirds are predicted to finish second in the Missouri Valley Conference, and return four starters off a team that made the WNIT second round.

The 'Cats are also returning a contingent of last year's squad that reached the Division II NCAA tournament. Meghan Brue, Manti



TONI GORDON RECEIVES a pass as Kelli Nelson guards her during practice. The Bears open the exhibition season Saturday at Illinois State.

Schumacher, Kelli Nelson and Lauren Williams return as starters for a squad that finished 18-12 last season.

"We're excited to see where we are," Brue said. "Everyone has come in and so far we all fit in. I think we're stronger right now as a team."

Six newcomers join Northwest this season, coupled with the new players, are more focused on the defensive end.

"This year we have people who want to be good at defense," Williams said. "We just need to start talking, and others will follow. If I have to be that person, then I will be."

Steinmeyer will miss the game because of a funeral service. It is the first game he's missed in 34 years of coaching.

Saturday's game is at 2 p.m., in Normal, Ill. For a complete season preview, check out the Winter Sports Preview Nov. 15.

SHOTS: Officials hold forum for campus, community to clear up misconceptions

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person with a gun fire a shot, we can pretty much sound that alarm immediately because the evidence is all there," Hetzler said. "Anything beyond that, we have to figure out what happened and what the situation is."

"I think that Clarence and the rest of us wish that it could have went off earlier, the problem is you're gathering information and you don't want to just pull that trigger without the appropriate information."

Campus police, assisted by Maryville Public Safety officers, Nodaway County Sheriff Deputies and the Missouri Highway Patrol, began to immediately search all University buildings beginning with residence halls. Officials from the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco arrived a few hours later.

Several Northwest officials were summoned to campus as an emergency

response team. Hetzler along with Residential Life Director Matt Baker arrived shortly after the incident occurred.

"We didn't have to have a discussion about where we should start," Baker said. "Start where people are, people are in the residence halls."

The active shooter alarm sounded constantly during the search.

Many students complained about the repetition of the alarms, but keeping them on is necessary so everyone knows there is a threat. It also allows unaware people who arrive on campus to know what is going on, Green said.

Alarms differ for different emergency situations such as fires, tornadoes, violence, etc., Green said, but officials come up with plans based on aspects of these situations.

"We're going to adapt to what the situation dictates," Green said.

An e-mail was sent out to all campus

residents around 3 a.m. Sunday morning informing students of the situation. Students living off campus received the same e-mail about an hour later.

"Did on-campus students get information before off-campus students? Absolutely," Hetzler said. "We believe that's important."

"We could've sent out an e-mail saying shots were fired on campus, well isn't that pretty much what ... the (alarm) message is saying over and over and over again?"

The lockdown was lifted shortly after 6 a.m.

Baker said the campus emergency teams learn a lot through every situation they go through.

"I think we can't underestimate the communication we have with students," Baker said.

On Tuesday the Alliance of Black Collegians sponsored a forum where officials cleared up misconceptions and answered

student questions.

One of the objectives of the forum was to make sure everyone understood the incident was in no way connected to an event hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Saturday night.

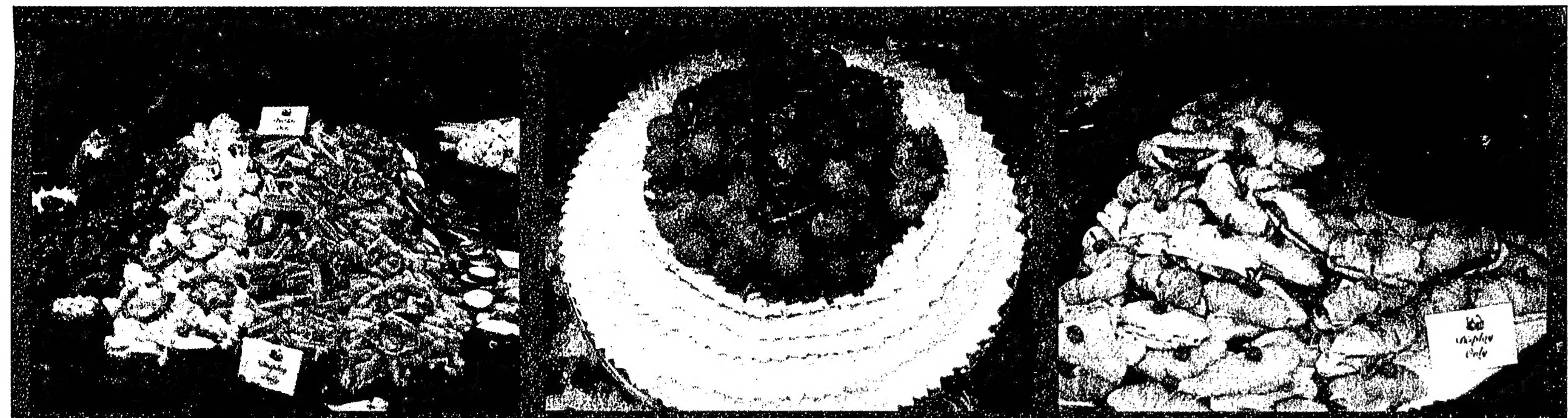
Students voiced concerns about the time it took for the active shooter alarm to sound, the communication about where they needed to go and the description of persons of interest.

Student Affairs Vice President Jerry Wilmes informed the students he would take their concerns to the incident debriefing with the emergency response team after investigation concludes.

He and Associate Student Affairs Vice President Jackie Elliott informed the students their safety was considered first.

There will be a formal debriefing once the investigation closes where Northwest officials will discuss the situation and analyze how it was handled, Green said.

Evan Young contributed to this story.



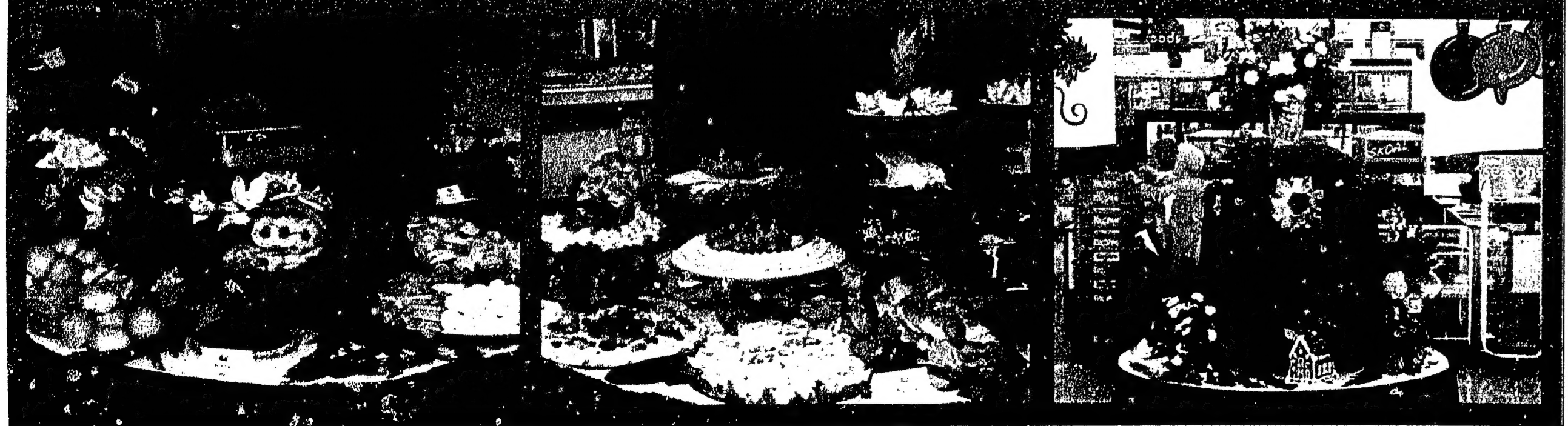
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NW SOCCER

Seniors end careers with win

By Jarod Clarke
Missourian Reporter

Although having a disappointing season finishing 6-11-1 and 5-8-1 in the MIAA, Northwest coach Tracy Hoza is looking forward to the future.

The Bearcats traveled to Warrensburg to play the Jennies of Central Missouri, Friday.

Northwest was shut out 2-0, allowing a score by Central Missouri in each half of the contest.

One of Central Missouri's goals included an accidental goal in the first half by Northwest in the 26th minute.

The 'Cats out shot the Jennies in the second period 4-2, but could not get the ball past their keeper.

Northwest competed close to home on Saturday as it played Mis-

souri Western in St. Joseph.

After being shut out the day before, the 'Cats did some shutting out of their own, defeating the Griffons 1-0 on a goal by outside wing Krista Pollman in the first half.

"I am a spastic player," Pollman said. "My goal for the season was to be more composed and have more confidence when I am out on the field because I know I can do well."

The goal by Pollman was her second of the season, as well as her second in her Northwest career.

"Coach always stresses to me to get in and be in the right place at the right time," Pollman said. "That time I was and it worked out."

The Missouri Western game marked the end of the season for Northwest and the final time the seniors competed as 'Cats.

Hoza has a big challenge ahead of her in the off season, filling the whole left in the off season of the defense by seniors Brittany Cash, Krista Obly and Amy Jackson.

"The next month or two is when there are a lot of tournaments," Hoza said. "We will hit the road recruiting."

"One thing that stood out in my mind about this team was that every week they wanted to do better and get better because they knew they could," Hoza said. "We didn't start out hard enough, but as the season went on we improved and we knew that was the standard that we should have had throughout the whole season."

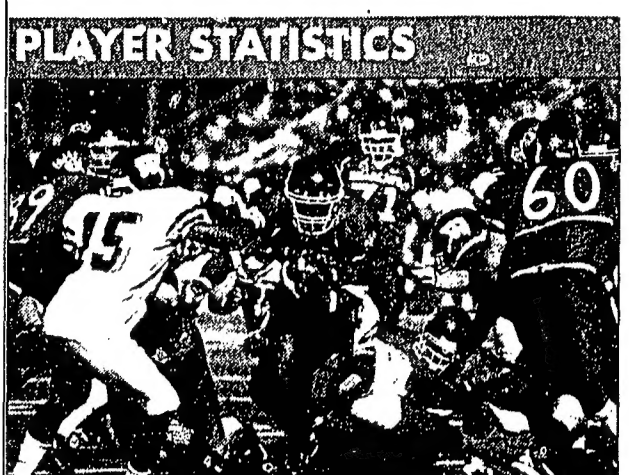


MARTI TRUMMER (RIGHT) finished her last year at Northwest with three goals. Trummer was second in goals and tied for second in shots on goal with 20. The team finished the season with a 6-11-1 mark.

BEARCATS

SCORE BY QUARTER									
(7-1)	7	0	7	14	—	28			
(6-3)	7	7	0	13	—	27			

TEAM STATISTICS									
	Northwest		Washburn						
340	Total yards	326							
70	Total plays	69							
43-37.8	Punts-average	5-36.2							
3-35	Penalties-yards	7-45							
4-2	Fumbles-lost	0-0							
145	Passing yards	194							
2-13	Sacked-yards lost	1-13							
17-27-1	Comp.-Att.-Int.	14-31-1							
195	Rushing yards	132							
43	Total rushes	38							
4.5	Average Gain	3.5							
18	First Downs	14							
12	Rushing	3							
5-15	Passing	10							
3-4	Third Downs	3-17							
	Fourth Downs	5-7							



XAVIER OMON (MIDDLE) had two touchdowns, including this 13-yard run with 8:49 left in the first quarter. Omon now has 22 touchdowns as Northwest travels to Emporia State.

PLAYER STATISTICS									
	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg		
Rushing									
Xavier Omon	32	148	5	143	2	14	4.5		
Joel Osborn	6	40	1	39	0	14	6.5		
Josh Mathews	1	12	0	12	0	12	12.0		
Mike Peterson	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0		
Sheldon Cook	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0		
Brant Gregg	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0		
Totals...	43	202	7	195	2	14	4.5		
	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds	TD	Long			
Passing									
Joel Osborn	11-19-1	97	2	28	1				
Josh Mathews	6-8-0	48	0	17	0				
Totals...	17-27-1	145	2	28	0				
	No.	Yds	TD	Long					
Receiving									
E.J. Falkner	5	13	0	8					
Josh Cannon	4	62	1	28					
Mike Peterson	4	28	0	12					
Kendall Wright	3	41	1	19					
Xavier Omon	1	1	0	1					
Totals...	17	145	2	28					
	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20				
Punting									
Michael Stadler	4	151	37.8	54	1				
Totals...	4	151	37.8	54	1				

Defense (T-A)
Jared Erspamer (13-4), Myles Burnside (7-1), Matt Robertson (6-3), Chris LeFlore (5-1), Terry Bilbro (4-1), Evan Wilmes (4-1), Caleb Dohrman (4-3), Chris Termini (3-0), Sean Paddock (3-2), Tyler Northway (2-1), Brandon Clayton (2-1), T.J. Kaatman (2-2), Bill Baudler (1-0), Dustin Conrad (1-0), Ike Urum-Eke (1-1), Cody Lanus (1-1), Justin Welch (1-1).

Game Highlights:
- After scoring on its first touchdown, Northwest fell behind 14-7 entering the halftime break.
- With starting quarterback Josh Mathews out with an injury, Joel Osborn drove the Bearcats on game-winning TD drive.

For a complete game story, log on to nwmissourianews.com

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MHS SOCCER



MARYVILLE JUNIOR JON ROGERS eyes a potential goal. Rogers broke a single season mark for goals in a season, while the team accumulated a school record 18 wins.

Season ends with 3rd loss to Bishop LeBlond

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

The third time was not a charm for the Maryville soccer team.

Playing Bishop LeBlond in districts ended like the previous two meetings, with LeBlond winning. This time it was a 2-0 decision, ending the 'Hounds season.

Maryville coach Stuart Collins said the team played well, but it just wasn't enough.

"I wish I could have figured it out, because we should have beaten them once," Collins said. "We gave them everything we had, but it just wasn't enough."

The 'Hounds trailed 1-0 at halftime, and got nine total shots off against the LeBlond defense. Collins said he expects to get 19 shots on goal per half, but with four midfielders suffering from the flu, it was hard to get the offense going.

John Seipel collected 22 saves in his final game for Maryville. Seipel is one of 11 seniors graduating off a team that went 18-8.

"I look at the positives, and look at how great this year has been," Collins said. "Anybody could have come out of that district."

"I had a lot of fun this season. I told the boys Saturday, that I will miss them on Monday when it is time to practice. There was never an issue when they weren't ready for soccer."

The 'Hounds recorded a school record in wins and tied for the conference championship with Smithville and Platte County at 6-1.

"I saw a lot of growth in the underclassmen and that's a tribute to the senior leadership," Collins said. "That leadership was spread through all the seniors, and I saw enough growth, so that we should maintain the same level of play next year."

Three more wins followed as Maryville avenged losses against Benton and Smithville. In September's final game, the

MHS CROSS COUNTRY

Elliot, Jones, Thomson return to state

By Erica Shanks
Missourian Reporter

Maryville High School state cross country qualifiers Josh Elliot, Shelby Jones and Alex Thomson plan on taking it easy before state competition begins Saturday.

Elliot, who placed fourth at the Class 2 District 8 meet with a career-best time of 17:49 and finished 92nd at the state meet last year, said he's going to relax and play some video games. Jones, who finished eighth with a career-best time of 21:39,

is resting more than usual to help improve her 66th place finish last year.

"I get a lot more sleep than I do for districts preparing for state competition and eat a lot more," Jones said.

Junior Alex Thomson finished 13th with a time of 18:40 and looks to improve on his 112th place finish last year. Thomson believes he can compete with the larger schools.

"You don't have to be from a big school to be a good runner so I just want to place better than I did last year," Thomson said.

To prepare the runners for state, coach Phil Stone had them road run to beat a certain time they ran previously.

Whoever did not beat that time had to do stair afterwards. The only one that had to do this was coach Stone. The team will do different runs throughout the week to prepare for state.

The competition begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, at the Oak Hills Golf Center.

PRIZE: Mattson builds all-state case

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The only thing the Eagles have that the Tigers don't is size, which gave the 'Hounds trouble in Lawson.

Holt doesn't think LeBlond's size can counteract the speed that his squad has used to bury opponents this year.

"They're big up front and have big backs," he said. "They're just a big football team and they're pretty physical. They don't have great speed and that's kind of our equalizer, we've just got a lot of speed. We have the ability to take a 10-yard play and turn it into a 70-yard play and that's been evident all year."

The Eagles' offense mirrors Lawson's as they primarily line up with two tight ends and attempt to bully smaller defenses with their running backs.

This week, with nothing at stake, the 'Hound coaching staff has limited the workload in practice as it's a little late for focusing on fundamentals.

"It's actually kind of fun this

week because we're doing some things just to finish the year on a positive note," Holt said. "The practices aren't as hard as they've been, it's more just kind of putting in your game plan instead of working on fundamentals and things like that, which have a tendency to wear on the kids this late in the season. It's all about fun right now, it really is."

Junior running back Adam Mattson is building on a potential all-state campaign as he is building on a career-high 1,017 yards. His backfield mate, Malcolm Swinford is coming off his best game as a 'Hound as he scored three touchdowns, two of which were over 50 yards.

Swinford will still feel content on the season even though it ends tonight.

"It'd be nice going 9-1 even though we didn't make the playoffs," he said. "Winning conference too, at least we came out with a championship."

Holt said at least six of his seniors

could wind up playing college football at either the NAIA or Division II level, but for a lot of the seniors, tonight marks the final time they'll put on shoulder pads.

A win means the team will have its best mark in three years, while it also makes the one loss stand out as the MEC champion 'Hounds will be Holt's second 9-1 team to miss the playoffs in three years.

"It's bittersweet going 9-1 and missing the playoffs," he said. "It's terrible to say, but district championships in the state of Missouri, they're more valuable than conference championships because conference championships don't help you get to the postseason. If I had to trade one, I'd trade it right now and I don't think you'd find a kid on this football team that wouldn't."

"We're going to love to see that banner and the plaque saying MEC Champs, but I guarantee you we'd like to see district champs more. That's the way it's supposed to be in my opinion."

TURNAROUND: Win total dwarfs 2005, 2006 season totals

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Maryville's 8-1 season and MEC title came as a surprise to most observers, but Holt steadfastly believed his squad, which finished 4-6 a season ago, was ready for this kind of year.

"To be honest, I don't know if we're really surprised right now," he said. "This is something that we thought we could get to and it's fun that it's happened this quick."

Coming off wins in their final two games in 2006, the pieces were in place and on opening night in Chillicothe, a place where the 'Hounds hadn't won in 13 years, they showed this was not going to be an ordinary season.

After falling behind 12-0 in the first quarter, Walter found Adam Mattson on a 73-yard cross-field screen pass for the season's first score. The 'Hounds carried that momentum to a 20-18 win to stun the Hornets and serve notice that they were no longer MEC pushovers.

"It showed that we had grown up as a football team because last year, I guarantee if that would've happened, we would've folded," Holt said.

Three more wins followed as Maryville avenged losses against Benton and Smithville. In September's final game, the

Cameron Dragons were on the verge of handing the 'Hounds a 31-28 defeat when Holt called the same screen pass he did against the Hornets, only this time the toss to Mattson won the game.

A throng of Maryville fans traveled south the next week to watch their team take on Platte County to decide the MEC. Much to the surprise of prognosticators across the state, the Class 2 school toppled the conference's kingpin, 27-14.

"It was great, we were the biggest underdogs," Walters said. "Everyone picked against us. Our fans and we were the only ones that thought we'd win it and we won it. It was the best feeling of the season."

Holt agreed with his senior quarterback, saying the October night in Platte City is one he won't forget.

"That was fun," he said. "Obviously, the most fun we had this season was that night. Definitely my highlight since being at Maryville was that night at Platte County. That was special."

Two weeks after that memorable night, the sky-high 'Hounds plummeted to Earth on a night they probably won't be able to forget.

After taking a 6-0 lead, the 'Hounds saw the Cardinals overpower them for 21 unanswered points.

It was a 12-minute nightmare the

'Hounds couldn't wake up from, and once they did, it was too late.

"It was very tough because we just watched our season go down the drain there," Walters said. "Going 7-4, winning the conference and playing in our first game in district, and we lose."

It was more than a season the defeat in Lawson took away.

"It's something we worked our entire lives for and to see it slip through your fingers like that (is hard to take)," senior linebacker Tyler Oglesby said.

Holt admitted that he'll probably remember the game this team didn't win more than the night they did.

"To be honest, (I will remember) the coming up short," he said. "That's terrible to say as a coach, but if you're in it for the right reasons, you always want to strive to get there and win a championship."

Despite missing their ultimate goal, the 'Hounds noticed many career-highs this season. Mattson won the MEC rushing title and now has 1,017 yards on the year. Walters has thrown 11 total TD passes, and completed over 80 percent of his passes in consecutive games. Mattson's backfield mates Malcolm Swinford and John Farmer each had three touchdowns games. Collectively, Charlie Love had four interceptions, while Tanner Archer had three picks

and caught three TD passes as a receiver.

Next season, a Mattson-led Maryville squad will have another opportunity to achieve its goal, as the playoffs double in size. But that does nothing for a senior class that helped resurrect a program. This core, which has shared the field for nearly 10 years, will no longer represent their town together after tonight's game.

This abrupt ending hasn't quite set in with Walters yet.

"It's going to be very tough," he said. "I've lined up with these 12 seniors since flag football. Thursday's going to be the last time. It hasn't hit me yet but it's going to be weird not lining up with my group of buddies."

Oglesby also said he will feel a bit out of place without football. However, once that wears out, the All-MEC performer's recollection of his final Maryville season will center on how his class revived a team.

"Words can't really explain it," he said. "We've been such a close-knit group and we're going to stay a close group, but now we don't have to walk to bring us together. I'm going to be kind of lost."

"I'm going to take a lot of the credit and give it to the senior class this year. We really turned things around and I'm proud of everyone else that followed."

NW CROSS COUNTRY

Regionals await 'Cats

By Christopher Woodland
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest cross country team heads to Joplin this week for the regional competition with something to prove.

The Bearcat mens' and womens' teams hope to bounce back after disappointing showings in the MIAA conference meet Oct. 20.

"We had some sort of bug in the conference meet, but generally seem to bounce back for regionals," womens coach Scott Lorek said.

They will have some momentum going into this weekend though, Junior Anna O'Brien's fourth place finish at the conference meet could be the spark the team needs.

"That was definitely the best race she's ever run," Lorek said. "It's about distributing your emotion and energy over the course, and she's learned how to do it."

The men's team battled injuries the past few weeks and will not be at full strength for regionals.

At press time, Brandon Dart remains the only runner out for this weekend. Other runners battling injuries are listed as questionable.

"We had a rash of things happen during conference week," coach Richard Alsop said. "Most are chronic shin splint type things."

"The course gives them a break this weekend though. It is fast with a lot of turns, and far flatter than the course the teams ran in the MIAA championship. The flat course will be easier on the runners that are suffering from shin splints."

Lorek expects the MIAA to dominate the top ten of the race. Last year, four MIAA schools placed in the top five of the women's regional meet, led by Pittsburg State who placed second.

For the men, five MIAA schools finished in the top eight, with Missouri Southern finishing the highest at second.

Northwest men finished seventh, while the women took tenth at the 2006 regional meet in Warrensburg.

The NCAA South Central Regional begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, in Joplin.

NW BASKETBALL

Midnight Madness kicks off basketball season

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Across the nation, Midnight Madness kicks off the college basketball season.

Tonight in Bearcat Arena, Northwest kicks off its basketball season at 9:30 p.m. and admission is free and open to the public. Free drinks and pizza will be provided. The

night begins with an autograph session with coaches and players, which is a new addition to the Midnight Madness lineup.

Performances by the Bearcat Steppers and Cheerleaders follows the autograph session. Select men's players will take part in a Slam Dunk Contest, while select women's players will participate in a 3-point shooting contest. Drawings for

prizes will go throughout the night, with an opportunity to win more than \$10,000 in cash, prizes and Aladdin plans.

"We hope to have a big crowd out tonight," said Northwest Marketing and Promotions Director Morris White. "The fall sports are winding down, so we want to get them excited for basketball season. We want to make Bearcat Arena

a big home-court advantage when the season starts."

As the night winds down, the men's and women's teams will face off in a dance contest. Last year, the men won the inaugural dance contest. In addition, X106's Weekend Sports Kickoff Show will broadcast live from 9-11 as they interview select Northwest coaches and players.

NW VOLLEYBALL

Hornets up first in MIAA tournament

By Marcus Meade
Sports Editor

As the MIAA tournament approaches, the Northwest volleyball team is happy with the task ahead of them.

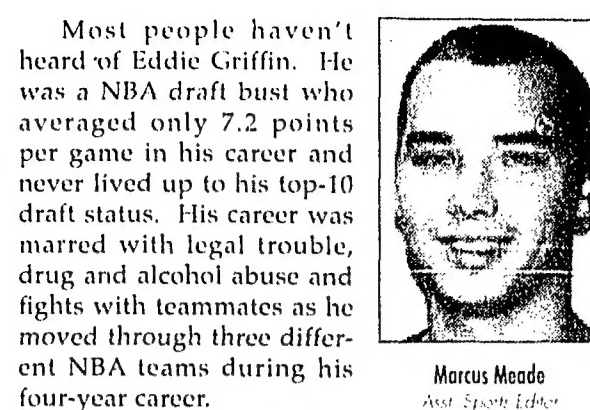
The Bearcats face No. 17 Emporia State in the opening round — a match that Tool thinks could really help her squad.

"We have the opportunity to put ourselves higher in the regional rankings," Tool said. "Beating them could give us the chance to move up."

Right now, the 'Cats sit 10th in the South Central Region. The top eight teams from each region advance to the NCAA tournament. Luckily for the 'Cats, many of the teams they may face in the MIAA tournament are ahead of them in the region, which gives them time to impress the regional voters if they play well in the conference tournament.

Their first opponent, Emporia, defeated Northwest in

Athletes need families, not 'yes' men



Marcus Maddox
Nov. 1, 2007

Most people haven't heard of Eddie Griffin. He was a NBA draft bust who averaged only 7.2 points per game in his career and never lived up to his top-10 draft status. His career was marred with legal trouble, drug and alcohol abuse and fights with teammates as he moved through three different NBA teams during his four-year career.

Notice, I keep referring to him in the past tense. Eddie Griffin died in August when his car was hit by a train. Griffin's blood alcohol level was three times the legal limit, according to ESPN.com.

How is Griffin's story important? It serves as an example of how the people surrounding great athletes can fail those athletes.

It's the American dream to move out of the ghetto and make it big in sports. Kids join youth basketball teams and football teams with the hopes of some day making it big. We, as parents, friends and relatives of this child, think it's wonderful. It's great for kids to get out and play sports. But what do we do with the kid that excels? We can't treat him like the others. He's different.

Then the kids start to grow, and pretty soon, they aren't kids anymore. They're teenagers. Johnny J. Football-star is the toast of the town as friends, relatives and coaches tell him how great he is.

He doesn't have to pay attention in class. The teachers love him and the coaches need him. He doesn't have to listen to the coaches. He's already more talented than they ever were. He doesn't listen to his parents. He's their meal ticket.

So who's in charge of him? No one. He's free to do what he wants. He can party with his friends and drink and do drugs all he wants as long as he keeps throwing touchdown passes.

People think that by helping a dominant athlete get by, they're helping him or the team out, but they really could be hurting them in the long run.

Griffin isn't the only case. Sports is full of the stories of athletes who burned out because they spent their lives being catered to.

Maybe the most tragic story in sports history comes in the form of Len Bias.

Bias was a promising NBA prospect and No. 2 overall pick of the Boston Celtics. Bias died on the court of a cocaine overdose.

And yes, it is Griffin and Bias' faults that they got into drugs, but no one was there to help them. No one was there to stop them or discipline them because no one wanted to. It's much easier to keep the star happy, to let the kid with all the potential off the hook.

I was reading Sports Illustrated when I first heard about Griffin's death. I wasn't surprised to see that his passing wasn't highly publicized. Most people had forgotten about Griffin long before he died. But those close to him surely mourned his death, and when they each start asking why or what happened to such a promising young life, each one should raise their hand and take some blame.

POWER RANKINGS

MIAA

Team	7-1	7-2	7-2	7-2	6-3	5-4	5-4	3-6	3-6	0-9
1. Northwest										
2. Missouri Western										
3. Pittsburg State										
4. Central Missouri										
5. Washburn										
6. Missouri Southern										
7. Truman State										
8. Fort Hays State										
9. Emporia State										
10. Southwest Baptist										

Results Last Week	28-27	30-14	35-0	56-14	27-28	14-30	33-30	0-35	30-33	14-56
1. Northwest beat Washburn										
2. Missouri Western beat Southern										
3. Pittsburg State beat Fort Hays										
4. Central Missouri beat Baptist										
5. Washburn lost to Northwest										
6. Missouri Southern lost to Western										
7. Truman beat Emporia										
8. Hays lost to Pitt State										
9. Emporia State lost to Truman										
10. Baptist lost to Central										

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Team	8-1	8-1	6-3	5-4	2-7	2-6	1-7	1-8
1. Maryville								
2. Platte County								
3. Smithville								
4. Chillicothe								
5. Cameron								
6. Lafayette								
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8. Savannah								

Results last week	54-14	49-12	23-0	49-0	12-49	0-28	18-53	0-23
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2. Platte County beat Cameron								
3. Smithville beat Savannah								
4. Chillicothe beat Richmond								
5. Cameron lost to Platte County								
6. Lafayette lost to Excelsior Springs								
7. Benton lost to Kearney								
8. Savannah lost to Smithville								

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Scott's picks
Prediction Record (16-12)
NCAA Football
Purdue at Penn State — Penn State
Joe Pa and the gang bounce back against Purdue with a big win. Purdue has been free falling over the past few weeks, so I'm expecting Penn State to take care of business. And if they don't, then Joe Pa needs to bring back some of his gang members back from jail.

NCAA Upset Alert
Michigan at Michigan St. — Michigan St.
My college football picks have been abnormally atrocious lately. So I decided to go against what I actually thought, and I'm picking the opposite of what I really think will happen. I usually pride myself on my prognosticating abilities, but this is just getting ridiculous. If this strategy continues to work, though, I may have to move to Vegas and get rich.

NFL Pick
Carolina at Tennessee — Tennessee
I've picked the Titans the last couple of weeks, and so far, they've been my saving grace. I'm not sure if Vince Young is even that good, but Carolina can't find a quarterback. So there's no need to hop off the Vince Young bandwagon, yet.

NFL Upset Alert
Green Bay at Kansas City — Green Bay
So I was the last to pick this week, and this game was the last on the list. My fellow co-workers must not have any guage on how to pick games, because this one is just screaming to be picked. So despite my horrible picking in these past weeks, I now know why I'm still ahead of these yahoos.

Brett's picks
Prediction Record (13-15)
NCAA Football
LSU at Alabama — LSU
LSU makes Nick Saban pay for leaving LSU for the Dolphins. Les Miles won't be as successful as Saban was in Baton Rouge, but they win on this night.

NFL Pick
Baltimore at Pittsburgh — Pittsburgh
The Ravens are on a free fall and are in no position to take down the Steelers on Monday night. Mike 'I look so much like Omar Epps it's ridiculous' Tomlin's blitz-happy defense will swarm the typical Ravens' offense. Even though Steve McNair and Todd Heap likely return, Brian Billick still won't be able to solve the Steelers and will be likely fired.

NFL Upset Alert
Denver at Detroit — Denver
After a crushing defeat at the hands of the Packers, my Broncos face a must-win game in Detroit. They will win this game because they're not winning next week at Arrowhead. The Lions aren't as good as their record indicates and hopefully Cutler will throw a secondary that former Bronco Brian Griese couldn't. If the Broncos don't win this game, I'll have to start looking ahead to the Royals' offseason and that will be brutal.

Marc's picks
Prediction Record (15-13)
NCAA Football
Wisconsin at Ohio St. — Ohio St.
No a brainer. Everyone thought Ohio St. might let down at Penn St. in the "White Out" game, and what happened? Ohio St. showed they're the best team in the Big Ten running away. I don't think this one will be close at all. Ohio St. knows that they're playing for a national title every week now.

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WHAT TO WATCH?

Scott's TV Picks
Friday
Nevada at New Mexico State, 7 p.m. ESPN2 — I have no idea about either of these teams. I have nothing else to pick on Friday, because there's literally nothing on. At least I'm following the rules and actually picking a game on Friday instead of my colleagues who pick Friday games that appear on Thursday.

Saturday
Rutgers at Connecticut, 6 p.m. ESPN2 — Five years ago no one would ever have picked this game to watch, other than to make a sick, cruel joke. But this game could provide a clearer picture into the Big East.

Sunday
Jacksonville at New Orleans, noon CBS — This will be a tell-tale sign if New Orleans is for real. They've beaten some inferior opponents to get back into respectability, but the Jaguars will give the nation a better gauge at how good the Saints have become.

Marc's TV Picks
Friday
Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech, 6:30 p.m. (Thurs.) ESPN — Sam does it, so I'm going to do it. I love good defenses so this is the game for me. Virginia Tech is also my pick to upset to they better get their heads on straight and learn from the mistakes they made last week.

Saturday
Texas A&M at Oklahoma, 7 p.m. ESPN — Get ready to live. The Sooners are going to roll Saturday. It's time for them to become the team they can be and stomp the Aggies. The only reason I want to see A&M score at all is to see if they really make out in the stands after touchdowns.

Sunday
Green Bay at Kansas City, noon FOX — The Chiefs' defense is pretty stout, and will only be better at Arrowhead. I'm hoping Favre turns into the man with the most interceptions in history instead of the man with the most touchdown passes in history.

Sam's TV Picks
Friday
Seinfeld — "The Boyfriend", 5, 5:30 TBS — If you're a fan of Seinfeld, this is a must-watch. The best episode in sitcom history. Jerry and Elaine befriended Keith Hernandez, while George spends the whole episode trying to lie about looking for a job at Vandalay Industries. You won't be disappointed.

Saturday
Joe Calzaghe vs. Mikkel Kessler, 9:00, HBO PPV — Two undefeated champions will square off in one of the year's biggest fights. Calzaghe has been king of the 168-pound division for 10 years but Kessler is arguably his toughest opponent yet.

Sunday
New England at Indianapolis, 3:15, CBS — I've been watching football since 1990 and this is the biggest regular season NFL game I've ever seen. 8-0 vs. 7-0, never before have unbeaten teams played this late in the season. Good vs. evil battle for league supremacy in the RCA Dome. If you don't watch this game, I feel sorry for you.

NFL Upset Alert
Seattle at Cleveland — Seattle
How good do people think Cleveland is? Yeah, they're better than people thought they would be, but people thought they would suck. That said, this should be a close game, but I think the Seahawks will squeak it out. I'm not sold on the Browns just yet.

NCAA Upset Alert
Navy at Notre Dame — Navy
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NFL Pick
New England at Indianapolis — N.E.

NFL Upset Alert
Houston at Oakland — Houston

AT YOUR LEISURE

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Today's Birthday (11-01-07)
Assume more responsibility this year, and you'll get a lot more attention. You love your privacy but you can adapt, for the big bucks.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 7 — Don't flash your money around, you'll be pulled from it soon enough. A gamble could pay off, if it's more like a carefully calculated risk.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 7 — You ought to be able to get the supplies you need on sale if you move quickly. Don't wait for the others approval, don't even tell them what you're making. It'll be a surprise.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 7 — Follow through on a new idea. It will lead you to a person who can help you find exactly what you want. Ignore a naysayer. You're on a roll.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is an 8 — There's plenty of work and the money looks good. Might as well knock yourself out. The more you do, the more you'll get. Enjoy.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)
Today is a 7 — You're confident and smart, but you still need to be cautious. Only make suggestions that are based on solid data. Your audience is not very receptive.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)
Today is a 7 — What you're learning seems to be at odds with what you know. Something's got to give, adapt or be expended. Don't worry, it won't be very painful.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Today is a 7 — Friends appreciate your insights and seek more of your advice. Don't be shy, go ahead and point out what they're obviously missing. Be nice, of course.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Today is a 7 — Use private connections to make an important career move. This could result in more income for you, without taking on extra work. Ask around.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 6 — Better hurry and finish up an old assignment. You don't want to do it now but you REALIZE you won't want to do it later. Make more time for fun.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 7 — As you pay, the bills, you may start to worry. Look around for another source of income instead. For example, collect an old debt.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 7 — There's no point in arguing with a pushy person. Let it be known what you want. Double-dare him to get it for you.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is an 8 — Work demands your full attention and it's not fair. You'd rather be out playing with your friends. The good news is, you're making big points with the boss.

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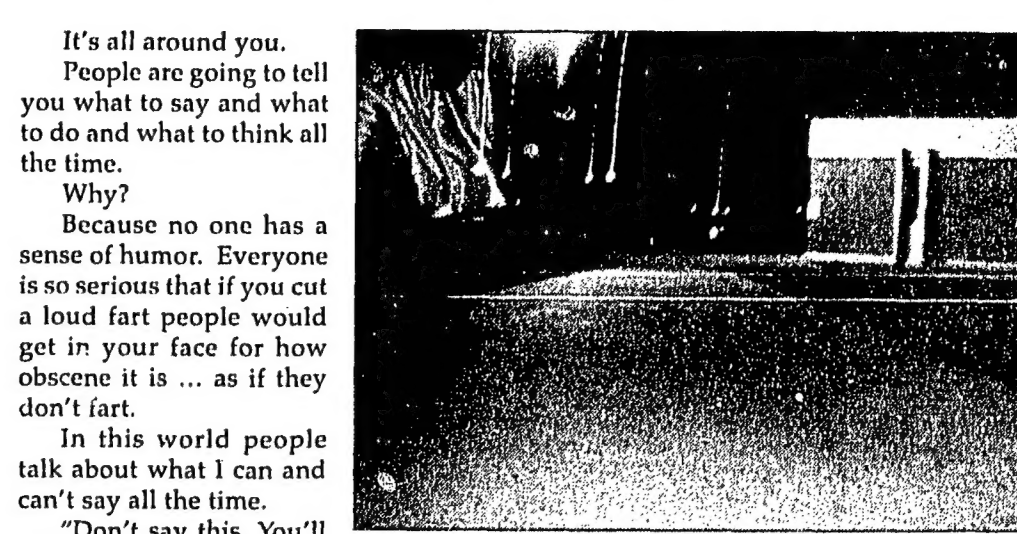
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In this world people talk about what I can and can't say all the time. "Don't say this. You'll offend this group. Don't say that. You'll offend that group. Don't make fun of the word SAC you'll offend SAC members."

Hey guys, in case you didn't notice, your acronym spells SAC. It's the most obvious joke in the world, and if anything you should call me a hack for making such an obvious joke.

But this isn't about SAC. Anyone with half a brain knows they've got their heads so far up their asses they're chewing their food twice.

It's about the public's over-sensitivity and incompetence. Yes, I make fun of things (I would say for a living, but I don't get paid). Who cares. Why do you lend so much weight to what I say?

Would you take the things Dane Cook says seriously (wait, I just compared myself to Dane Cook, and he sucks)? Would you take the things Bozo the

Clown says seriously (there that's better, Bozo rules)? If your answer to that last one was yes, then you're probably one of the d-bags who dog on me for making jokes about Dean Hubbard, or SAC or Northwest, or naked dancing men, or neckties, or whatever it is I make fun of.

Do me a favor. Realize they're just jokes. My jokes won't change the world. They won't get SAC's funding cut. They won't make Dean Hubbard cry himself to sleep at night. They don't cause global warming or genital herpes.

They're just jokes. And if you can't understand that, just give up, because life gets a whole lot harder than that.

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MOVIE REVIEW
'Chuck' needs better luck

By Katelyn Ronning
Missourian Reporter

"Good Luck, Chuck" is the grossest movie of the year starring Dane Cook and Jessica Alba. Charlie (Cook) is a dentist whose only problem in life is that he can't find real love because all the women he sleeps with end up finding the man of their dreams immediately after. This is a result of some curse cast upon him in grade school. When word gets out about this curse, women begin to throw themselves at Charlie left and right. He starts hanging like drums and is supported by Stu (Dan Fogler of "School for Scoundrels"), the stereotypical chubby best friend that is obsessed with sex and boobs.

The film takes the audience through a movie montage of Charlie's sexual escapades and encounters before he meets Cam (Alba), the woman of his dreams. Cam works at Sea World and is incredibly accident-prone. Since he is aware of his curse and he actually likes Cam, Charlie decides to do everything he can to avoid having sex with her. There are situations where they both choose not to have sex, but other times Charlie is avoiding the deed and Cam is left cold and alone.

The plot of "Good Luck, Chuck" was no different from any other

past gross movies, such as "Wedding Crashers." An audience member could see the plot of the movie a mile away: a man who can easily get laid forever and ever is sick of it and wants commitment with the good girl. It's the perfect movie for an audience that doesn't feel the need to think much.

Cook has a mediocre character as Charlie, but is memorable because of the way he delivers. He is so naturally funny that it's charming no matter how poorly the movie plots he is in may be. Alba is an important part in the movie and she is an excellent actress who too often chooses crappy movie roles. She has the potential to do so much better because of how genuine she is in the way she acts.

The dialogue in the movie is typical dirty movie humor. Boob jokes, sex jokes, visuals and homophobic jokes are what the movie is all about. If the audience is easily offended, then "Good Luck, Chuck" is bar none the worst movie for them to see. If not, it could be a hit or miss.

Katelyn Ronning gives 'Good Luck, Chuck' 3 out of 5 popcorns

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NORTHWEST SENIOR BECKY Harpham serves drinks to thirsty patrons at The Pub. Harpham loves the busy night life and loads of people the bar brings, however come closing time, cleaning takes its toll.

Student cashes in on Maryville's unpredictable bar life

By Tara Adkins
Features Editor

Patience is a virtue. At least it is for one bartender on any busy home game night.

Northwest senior Becky Harpham has been slinging drinks for townies and students for more than two years and loves almost every minute of it.

"It's just a fun atmosphere. People interacting and having a good time just puts me in a good mood. Plus it's always exciting," Harpham said.

Harpham always had the idea of bartending in the back of her mind and thought it would be a great way to make some extra cash while in college. After turning 21, she headed to The Pub, asked for a job and has been there ever since.

Unlike big cities like Kansas City or even Las Vegas, formal bartending training is unnecessary for Maryville. Harpham was

expected to watch and learn to become a bartender on her first day.

"It was more like a throw-you-in-and-learn-as-you-do-it situation which definitely forced me to learn fast," Harpham said.

John Yates, The Pub owner, knows one of Harpham's strengths is having the ability to interact with customers including the regulars and non-regulars. Her interaction and how she takes care of the bar demonstrate her pride in The Pub.

"It's easy to visit with friends, hang out and be around people you know, and good bartenders make everyone feel welcome, and that's what she does," Yates said.

Once the night falls, people unwind for the day as Harpham gets ready to work. Before the bar even opens, she and coworkers must stock beer, ice, cups and straws, cut fruit for cocktails, set out ash trays and get the bar as ready as it can be before the 10 p.m. rush

comes.

When the rush begins, Harpham stays on her toes as she pours cocktails and makes conversation till close.

"She's fast, efficient and nice. Plus the guys love her," coworker Emily White said.

The later the night gets, the more patience she must have. And the more patient her customers must be if they want a fast drink.

"It's always nice to have someone who is polite and understanding on a busy or late night. They will get better service if they are kind. And big tippers are always nice," Harpham said.

Despite bar-goers boozing it up, laughing and telling one slurred story after another, bartending is never a constant party. With beer in excess comes a mess. And the bartender is left to clean it.

"My least favorite thing about bartending is when people start being dumb. Like people

stumbling around, starting fights or worse, throwing up on the bar. Cleaning it up really bothers me a lot, but it is part of the job," Harpham said.

Harpham has learned the rule of bartending — talking to everyone and anyone. She tolerates those who walk in after a day of work, and she tolerates those who stagger in after a night of parties.

As Harpham graduates in December, she looks forward to giving up the stressful hours and room full of puffs of smoke and alcohol. But she wouldn't mind retuning her bartending skills later in life if needed. However, the rest of The Pub crew and customers will miss her.

"Becky is very good at what she does for me at The Pub. I'm hoping that I can find a faculty member that will fail her so she can stick around," Yates said. "You hate to see good people go."

Editor relives first bar hopping experience of college



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ASST. FEATURES EDITOR Whitney Keyes recounts her first night attending the Maryville bars. Surrounded by alcohol enthusiasts, she searches for the hype inherit in 'Thirsty Thursdays.'

By Whitney Keyes
Asst. Features Editor

After a semester of being the good girl on the Northwest Missourian staff, this year, they were ready to corrupt me. They could not wait any longer to take me to the bar for the first time or see me drink alcohol.

After numerous invites to the bar, and many broken pinky swears on my part, I finally agreed to go out with the gang on a Thursday night. Let me tell you, they were stoked, and I was ... excited. Yeah, that's it.

I never realized how much work goes into going out. First, there's the planning. We'll eat here, have a pre-drink there and everyone but the guys will get ready at Suzie's house. Then, Jane and Lucy will drive, because Jane can't get wasted because she has a test the next day and, well, Lucy's underage so...

So, the plans were set and now all I had to do was get dressed, gather my friends and head over for dinner. (Because everyone knows you can't drink on an empty stomach, right?) So, having never been to the bar, I chose to wear a tank top, jeans, flip-flops and put my hair into a ponytail with a little pouf.

Armed with my ID, some cash and some more hairspray just in case, I was ready to go to dinner/pre-drink/getting ready/the bar.

After dinner, the girls started to get ready. I swear, no lie, one of my friends tried on at least five pairs of shoes. I was really confused why it mattered, seeing that a) she's engaged, who does she need to impress? and b) it's going to be dark in the bar no one will even see her shoes.

Another girl took five minutes to decide if she liked the beaded flower in her hair. Then, the two of them barricaded themselves in the bathroom for 20 minutes putting on makeup.

Once they had deemed themselves total hotties, they started drinking. Some shots were taken, some drinks were mixed and someone had the truly fabulous idea of watching "Aladdin" and making it into a drinking game. I sat with my arms crossed, not drinking, watching in slight fascination and mainly boredom.

At 10 p.m. we headed to the bar. Those old enough headed straight for the bar, took a shot and came back with drinks. I was taking in the scenery, just looking around. Several times I would catch the eye of someone, get scared and just look down. When I was brave enough, I would take another look around the bar. It was basically what I had expected — dark

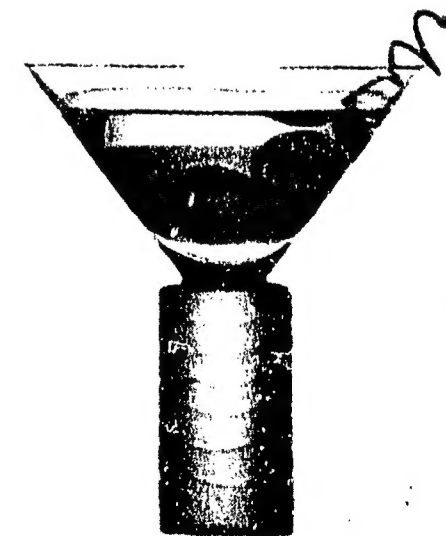
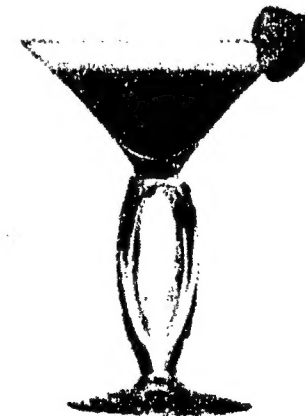
and smoky. I had not prepared myself for the wide collection of thongs hanging above the DJ, and felt like I really needed my Purrell at that moment.

I think the dancing started at 10:30 p.m., right when the words "It's Britney, bitch" rang through the air. The next two hours were a blur of rap music I had never heard of, grinding and people-watching as girls in too-short skirts, too-tight shirts, too-tall heels and too much eye makeup crowded onto the floor. Needless to say, I felt underdressed in my jeans and tank top — or should I say overdressed?

So, we danced. There were strobe lights, and all sorts of nasty dancing I didn't really want to see. Someone spilled beer all over my jeans and left me dancing in a beer puddle. Another dancer had some crazy move that included elbowing me with both elbows in my back for five minutes. It was, for the most part what I expected. Lots of drinking, lots of dancing, and lots of me feeling out of place.

Nonetheless, even sober and not looking for some good-looking guy, I had fun. I left around midnight, and I had a good night. I was tired, yes, but it was enjoyable. Heck, I just might even do it again.

Maybe.



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ELK HORN

Small Iowa community big on Danish customs



Every small town has a place where locals join for coffee and conversation early in the morning. In Elk Horn, Iowa, that place is Jacquelyn's Danish Bake Shoppe and kaffe hus.

"All our pastries are made fresh daily and we serve hot breakfast and lunch," waitress Lauren Crocker said. "But people really come in for Saturday's Aebleskivers. We make one batch of batter in the morning and they are gone by nine."

Elk Horn is the largest rural Danish settlement in the United States. The architecture of homes, the Velkommen (welcome) signs, even the packaging of foods at the Food Town grocery store bore symbols of Denmark.

"For a little town, we got a lot of stuff here," museum volunteer John Jones said.

A lot is right for a town whose population is just under 700. The Danish Windmill, which received Iowa's top tourism attraction in 1990, rests right on the edge of town. The windmill is authentic from Denmark and was built in 1848. It was later dismantled, shipped to Elk Horn in 1976 and rebuilt by community volunteers. Visitors can tour the mill and climb to the top.

For more historical exploration, tourists are encouraged to check out the Danish Immigrant Museum. The three floors are filled with family heirlooms brought from Denmark, tools early immigrants used, memorabilia from organizations and the Wall of Honor, which recognizes nearly 4,000 immigrants. The lower level houses changing displays from Danish artists.

A trail leading from the museum takes you past The Jens Dixen Cabin and The Morning Star Chapel. The church was built by 86-year-old Charles Johann Walensky and is only 6 foot by 8 foot with four small pews and an altar. The chapel can seat nine people, but has been the site of weddings and baptisms with 14.

After trekking the 0.6 mile Friends' Walk, you end at the Bedstemoor's Hus. This Victorian cottage was built by a Danish immigrant bachelor in 1908. When the house was completed, he crossed the street to ask a strange young woman for her hand in marriage. She refused. Hurt by the rejection, he never moved in to the home, instead he opted for an apartment downtown. The home

was later sold to an elderly woman, whose grandkids referred to it as Bdstemoor, which is Danish for Grandmother. The cottage is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

You can stop by the Danish Inn for a not so traditional buffet of frikadeller (meat balls), medisterpolse (sausage) and rodkaal (red cabbage). Ribs, fried chicken, mashed potatoes and salad are also included, just in case you need an American backup to all the Danish delights. If that doesn't suit your appetite, The Pub's tenderloin was named the best in Iowa.

To wash down all the grub, head to the Danish Countryside Vines and Wines winery located two and a half miles outside of Elk Horn. The renovated European-design barn that houses the winery is surrounded by rolling hills that resemble the Danish countryside.

Visitors can tour the vineyard and winery and sample the 12 different wines produced solely by owners Allan and Carol Petersen. Guests have the option to purchase wine by the glass or bottle and are encouraged to enjoy it from the loft, balcony and patio.

After a full day of touring the tiny town, it's always nice to find somewhere to hang your hat. Hansen's Kro (place-to-stay) is run by Peggy and Roland Hansen out of their basement. Decked out in Danish décor with an inviting bed and homemade Danish breakfast, Peggy said she hasn't stopped getting business for 15 years.

"It's so much fun to meet these people, I just continue offering the service," Peggy said. "People from different states come for festivals or just to tour and before the Americlnn, there was no motel. People needed a place to stay, so I offered up my home."

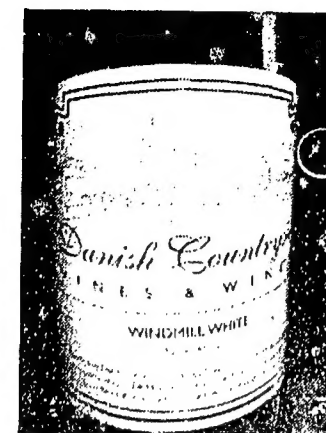
"Our House" is a second bed and breakfast run by Calvin and Phyllis Hoegh.

"This town is just neat and it's all about our Danish heritage," Phyllis said. "I'm 100% Danish and it's a good tribute to our people. And a welcoming mat for those who want to see what Danish hospitality is all about."

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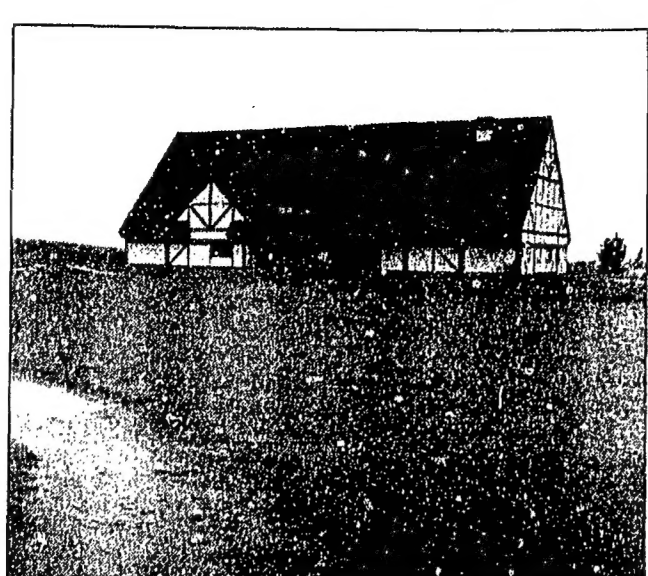
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Tucked in the bedroom corner of Hansen Kro, the words "Velkommen" welcome visitors. Guests book this lower level room a year in advance to make sure they have a place to stay when Danish festivals come to town. photo by Jessica Hartley



Fill your day with plenty of activities like wine tasting at Vines and Wines, tour the windmill and museum or search for ancestors on the Wall of Honor. Restaurants and shops line main street so everyone has something to do in this small, friendly town. photo by Jessica Hartley

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Cover: Every aspect of the Basilica at Conception Abbey is full of details. Even the front entrance stands high and graceful. photo by Marsha Jennings

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MOZINGO LAKE

Come for the water, stay for the wildlife

Flipping his wrist forward, the fishing lure sinks into the blue water. Propping himself on the shoreline, he takes in the view of manicured greens and panoramic sunsets.

Mozingo Lake is located just five miles from Maryville, Mo., with 26 miles of shoreline and 3,000 acres of activities there are plenty of things to do.

As you enter the lake entrance you will find an 18-hole championship golf course near the waters edge. The course is equipped with golf carts and a clubhouse and includes discounts for students under 23. Students can golf for \$12 for nine holes and \$15 for 18.

For adults, green fees for Monday through Friday, and 18 holes are \$22 and on weekends and holidays the fees are \$25. For nine holes, it is only \$14 and on the weekends and holidays cost is \$16. Fees also depend on if you want a cart. If you do want a golf cart, they are \$15 a person for 18 holes or only \$10 for nine holes.

Mozingo Golf also has yearly memberships for individuals, couples, students and seniors. Golf leagues are offered for men, women and senior men as well as a junior golf program. They are tournaments held too that being in April and run through September.

After playing a round of golf you may want to jump in the water to cool off. With 26 miles of shoreline, a swimming beach and plenty of boat docks, you won't have a problem getting refreshed. Boats and jet skis are allowed just be sure to have the proper permits and life jackets.

When you've had a long day of golf and playing in the water, there are plenty of places to rest your head. Sites are available for tents and RV camping, as well as cabins. Prices will depend on the season. Take note that the off season is from Dec. 1 to March 31 and on season is from April 1 to Nov. 30.

At each tent camping site there is a grill and a picnic table close by

and the site is located near restroom facilities. This type of camping is \$5 for off-season and \$6 for on season.

There are RV pads available that are equipped with electric hookups. The pads are also near restrooms and have picnic tables and grills by each. There is a playground close by for youngsters. Each site also offers a magnificent view of the water. The prices for RV camping are \$13 for off-season and \$15 for on season.

The cabins can sleep up to 12 people and are open year-round. Equipped with beds, furniture, full bath and kitchen, a fireplace and a covered porch near the waters edge you will be sure to enjoy your stay. The cabins depend on the amount of rooms and the season but rental price ranges from \$60 to \$160 a night.

After a restful night of sleep, you may want to take a hike. With three miles of hiking trails you can see more than just a beautiful site; each trail is a little different, so you will get a new experience of Mozingo from any trail you choose.

Fishing is a popular pass time among those who visit. With such a wide expanse of water, you may fish from dawn until dusk. The docks are equipped with fish cleaning stations, but guests are not allowed to fish from the docks.

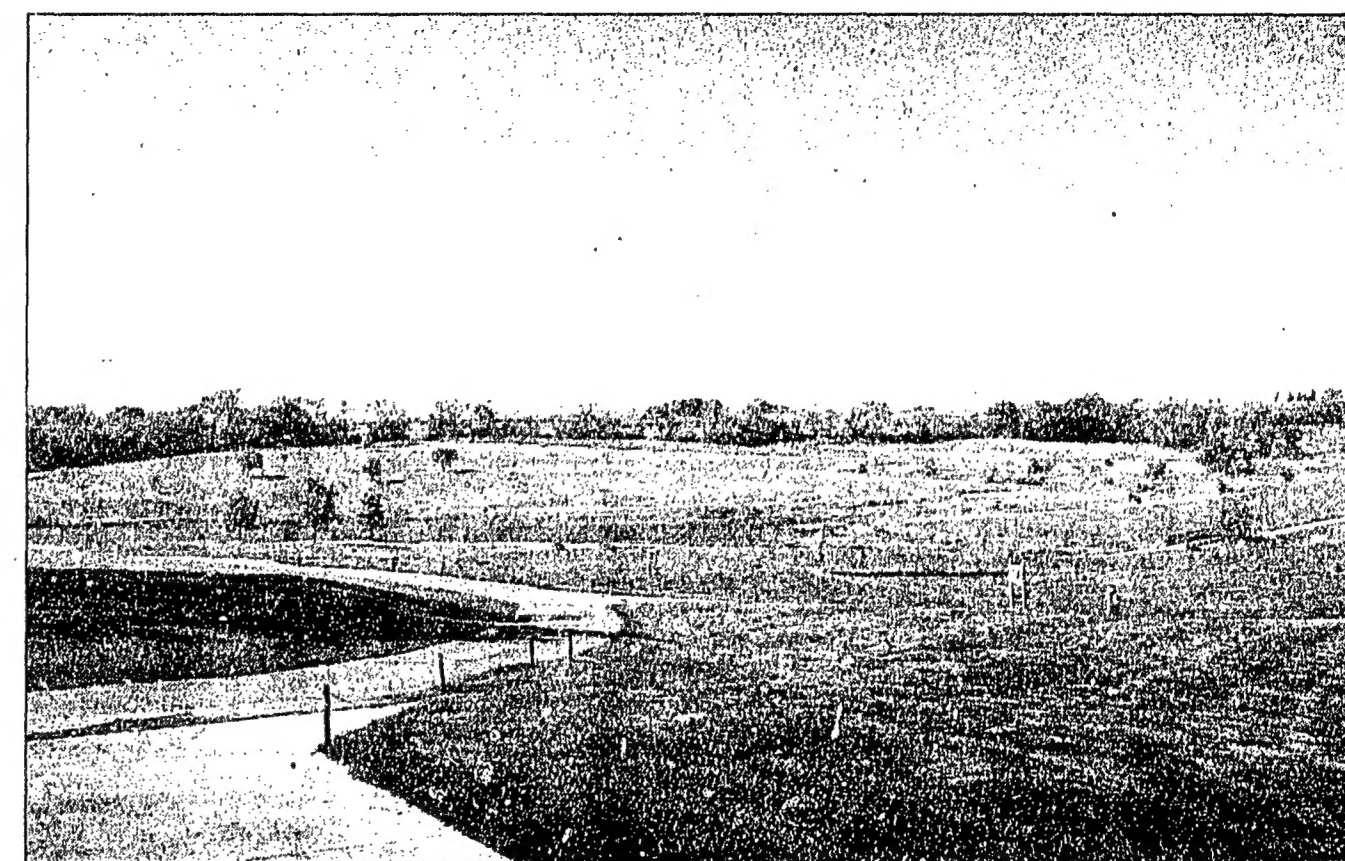
Mozingo is also a great venue for hunting. The site has rabbits, ducks and geese for shotgun gaming. There is also turkey and deer for only bow hunting.

Other amenities you will find around the lake include 15 single-family shelters equipped with grills and picnic tables. There are also two large and two medium pavilions that are available upon reservation and include grill and picnic tables.

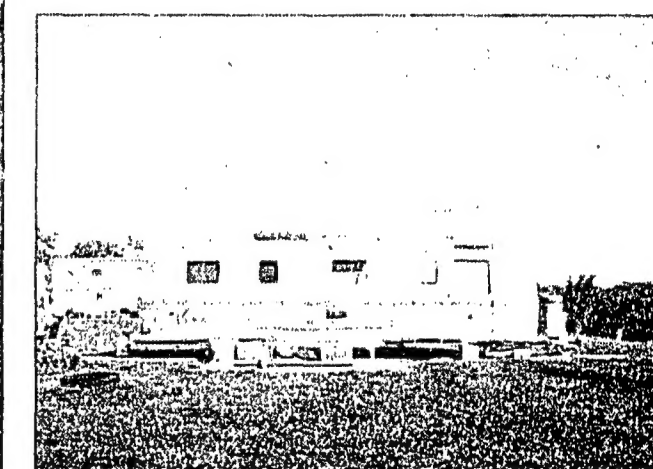
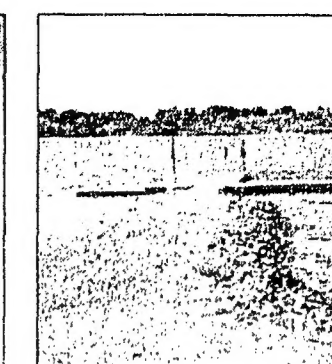
The lake holds annual events, including a fireworks show for the Fourth of July and various golf tournaments from April to September.

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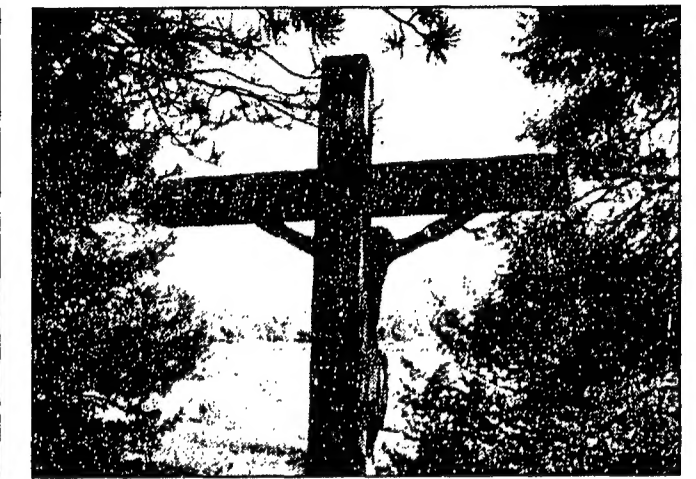


Visitors flock to Mozingo for their lush greens and quiet fishing spots. Docks were available for jet skis or swimmers. Even in late October, RV's lined the shore, where tourists could take in the beautiful fall foliage. photo by Brittany Zegers





Catholics dip their fingers in the Baptismal Font as they enter by the main entrance of the Basilica and make the sign of the cross before worshiping. The intricate Beuronese art and colorful, traditional Catholic elements bring most visitors to Conception. photo by Marsha Jennings



The Printery House is operated by Conception Abbey to help support other outreach ministries. Products range from basic prints to elaborate art, but their Christian all-occasion greeting cards are sold in retail stores. The pipes of the grand organ stretch to 35 feet and when played, fills the Basilica and trickles down the hallways of neighboring buildings. This Crucifix, located near Lake Placid, is symbolic to the Catholic Church. photo by Marsha Jennings

CONCEPTION ABBEY

Tranquility in the middle of nowhere

After leaving Maryville, travelers are most often greeted by cows, pastures and open skies. If you head twenty minutes northeast, a large, brick building juts into the skyline. In the middle of Conception, Mo., rests Conception Abbey, home of Benedictine monks.

The Basilica of Immaculate Conception where the monks worship received the honor of the title basilica from Pope Pius XII in 1941. Basilicas are recognized for their artwork, location and history.

"When people come for tours, the main thing they're interested in is the Basilica, because that's the focal point in our lives," Jarrod Thome, director of communications at Conception Abbey said. "The biggest attraction inside the Basilica is the Beuronese artwork, restored in 1999."

This artwork consists of twenty-two murals depicting scenes from the life of Mary, St. Benedict and St. Scholastica grace the upper walls. The Basilica art is divided into three symbolic levels. The bottom represents earth, which includes the altar and worshippers. The middle features Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary, representing the perfection humans should strive for. The ceiling represents the heavenly realm, with painted angels and a stained-glass window of the Ascended Christ.

A 35-foot high, 2,009 piped organ towers above the choir and envelopes the room with a peaceful sound.

"The music that we practice at the organ is either based on vocal music directly associated with divine worship, like chants and hymns, or else freely composed specifically for the praise of God," Fr. Timothy Schoen, OSB said. "Practice time is a time of actual preparation for a community experience of worship, soon to take place; it is already an experience of prayer and praise - hopefully even for anyone who happens to be listening."

The Benedictine Monks are Roman Catholic men who reside at the Abbey and focus their lives on the Rule, written by St. Benedict.

"This is the place we choose to live out the universal call of holiness," brother Cyprian Langlois said. "In the Christian teaching, we are called to holiness by baptism and many people choose marriage to live out that holiness- this is our vocation."

St. Benedict wrote the Rule in the sixth century, strongly encouraging his monks to live life simply. Br. Langlois said the Basilica, which is open to the public, is a place for people to escape.

"In a nutshell, we're here as monks at Conception Abbey to allow people to step aside from their busy lives and pull away to re-evaluate and refocus--get away from family, work and simply stop, look and listen," Br. Langlois said.

Aside from the Basilica, Conception Abbey offers other outreach ministries. They welcome others to join them in their serene worship as a mandate from St. Benedict.

"He thoroughly believed in guest acceptance and welcome," Br. Langlois said. "Our seminary where we train priests is another way we try to reach the gospel out to the world."

Conception Seminary College is a fully accredited four-year college where men go if they are called into priesthood. Student Andrew Horn said he was hesitant to attend because he thought he'd be surrounded by book smart nerds who go to class and pray everyday. After visiting, he changed his mind.

"Yes, we go to class, pray and celebrate the Eucharist everyday, and that is fine with me, but the surprise is that everyone is normal guys just like me," Horn said. "We like to play sport, video games, everything a normal college student would want to do. The only difference is that we are answering God's call to the priesthood."

The Abbey Center for prayer and ministry is a place for spiritual meditation and reflection. Visitors can enjoy dynamic speakers, or join the monks in service and receive counseling and spiritual direction.

The Printery House offers Christian greeting cards, stationary and artwork. The printery produces two to three million Christmas cards per year and an estimated five million cards annually.

"This is how we make our money, selling these cards, stationary and art to retail and wholesale customers worldwide," Br. Langlois said. "As you can see, we're not just praying all day."

"We try to make our work our prayers as well--but we don't live on our knees either."

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NEBRASKA CITY

Exploring the home of Arbor Day



Fall has come to Nebraska in full force. Trees appear to burn with their red and orange leaves and cool air blows across the fields farmers harvest. Nebraska City, nestled in the southeastern corner of Nebraska, has a rich heritage filled with autumn fun and festivities.

Arbor Day Farm's Lied Lodge and Conference Center is a resort located in the western part of the city. This resort, opened in 1994, is complete with eloquent dining, a swimming pool and a fitness center, as well as a large outdoor patio and a roaring fireplace in the winter. The densely forested area is filled with lakes, parks and playgrounds for kids to play on.

Lieds Lodge is also home to the Wildwood Historic Center and Art Gallery. This Victorian style house was built in 1869 as a gift from Jasper Ware, a prominent banker of Nebraska City, to his wife. Featuring artwork and authentic decorations, this house displays the lifestyle and everyday living of the colonial age. Behind the house, in an old barn, is an art gallery filled with paintings and crafts from local artists.

After visiting the house and gallery we headed over to explore the Arbor Day Farm Tree Adventure. This tree-based park throws you right into the middle of nature with trails, greenhouses and playgrounds. Kids are allowed to interact with nature in a fun and adventurous environment with classrooms and tree houses for them to explore.

The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Center focuses on scientific discoveries, including over 170 plants and 120 animals, that these two captains made over 200 years ago as they traveled down the Missouri River. This three-story, 12,000 square foot educational center, which stands atop a hill overlooking the Missouri River, contains many interactive displays that allow for the visitors to see what this journey was like.

Outside the visitors center is an authentic replication of the boat that Lewis and Clark used to navigate the river. Visitors are allowed to board and explore this boat to see exactly what the long journey would have been like.

From there visitors can walk a short trail to an observation deck overlooking the magnificent Missouri River. In addition to the scientific discoveries of the expedition, this center also recognizes the role of the Native American people and the positive impact that they had in the success of Lewis and Clark's journey.

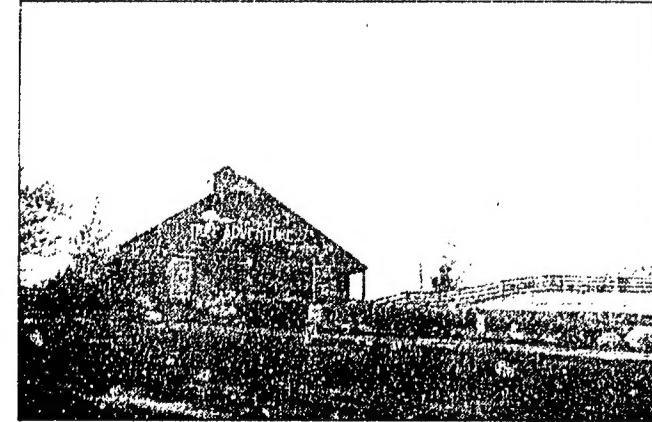
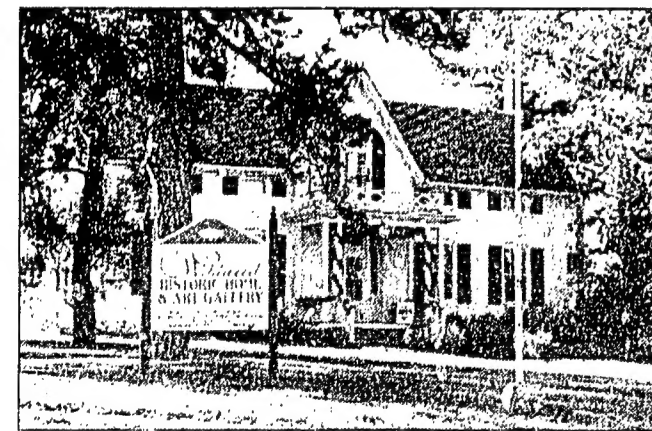
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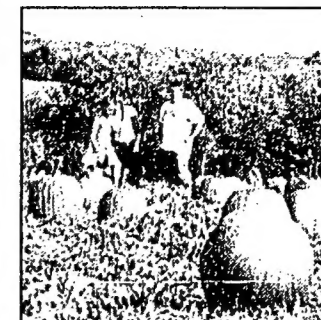
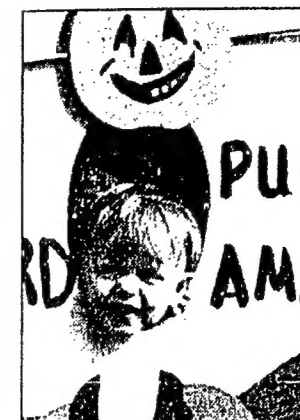
The Lied Lodge and Conference center is located within walking distance from several historic sites. Inside the Victorian Wildwood Historic Center were artifacts of the colonial age. Located outside of the Nebraska City city limits, is the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Center whose unique architecture can be seen from the road. photo by Alex Raymond



The Wildwood Historic Home and Art Gallery is located on Steinhart Park Road between Arbor Lodge and Highway 2. An original brick barn, adjacent to the Wildwood Historic Center, is an art gallery and gift shop that houses local artists crafts and paintings. The gallery showcased work of Midwest artists who rotate on a monthly basis from April through October. The Arbor Day Farm Tree Adventure educates children and adults about trees by allowing them to explore and play around them. photo by Alex Raymond

HUNT'S GRANDVIEW ORCHARD

More than picking the perfect pumpkin



The pumpkin patch at Hunt's Grandview Orchard is a family-focused event where visitors can select pumpkins for carving or pose for candid pictures. Hayrides were offered for people to ride out to the pumpkin patch. photo by Marsha Jennings

White gravel crunches underneath rolling car tires as families arrive and take in the sounds and smells of an inexpensive, family-oriented fall experience.

Hunt's Grandview Orchard opened up shop in Amazonia, Mo., in 1971 with a free hayride out to a small field scattered with pale orange pumpkins. Thirty-six years later, the orchard provides activities, making for a day-long event.

Employees stand in theme attire, smiling at their designated stations as kids and adults take advantage of bow and arrow shooting, a grass maze, hay maze, face painting, a petting farm and an obstacle course.

Families ride on the hayride under a cracked wooden sign that reads "Sherwood Forest," home of Robin Hood, the 2007 theme.

"It's grown so much over the years because it just started out as free hayrides to a pumpkin patch," co-manager Brenda Carneal said. "We've added a little something every year because we can't just make money off selling pumpkins."

The new developments draw customers in year after year, leaving ticket booth employees' hands moving non-stop.

"We've had days where both ticket booths have lines that lead out into the parking lot," Carneal said. "On our good days though, we usually have about 800 people a day...last year we had our busiest day ever with 1,200 people."

A small fee of \$2.50 pays for one person to run through the mazes, take a hayride and pet the animals.

Rows of fresh orange pumpkins sit nestled behind skinny trees where kids search for pumpkins, looking for the best and heaviest ones. Pumpkins are weighed and priced by the pound.

"This experience is so much more fun than just picking out

a pumpkin from a box at the grocery store," St. Joseph, Mo. resident Teresa Gilmore said. "We've been bringing our family here for years and I've been bringing my daughter (who now has kids) since she can remember."

All of the fun, however, requires thirty to forty paid employees, nearly all of them family or church friends from town.

"When I hire one member of a family, it seems like I have to hire all of them," co-manager John Carneal said. "Most of us all go to church together and then just come to work after church."

Families come and go throughout the years as people of all ages continue to come annually. Employees love seeing parents hold their small children's hands as they waddle through the hay maze and storm through the obstacle course.

"We just love to see families enjoy each others company and it's nice for us because it only last for five weekends in October," employee Jenan Myers said.

After a sunny, breezy day out in the fall air, an assortment of specialty items are offered in the quaint and dimly lit store situated at the orchard entrance. Soft music plays over the hum of the freezers and the footsteps of intrigued customers.

Apple butter, Amish candy, jam, nuts, pumpkins and popcorn are just a few things that line the shelves. Whether it's in the store where people feel like home or out in the pumpkin patch, employees at Hunt's Grandview Orchard make sure it all comes back to family.

"I give my husband the credit for the brains behind it and God the glory because He enables us to do this," Brenda said. "It's a lot of work that people don't realize we put into it, but worth it to see families come together in this environment."

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PAOLUCCI AND BEGLEY

Family atmosphere and cuisine

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Paolucci's Restaurant and Lounge is just off main street in Atchison, Kan. Patrons leave laughing and waving goodbye to the staff that call out "come again" to the swinging door. Small candles flicker on the tables and family photos line the wall. Tucked in a room behind the restaurant is a general store selling sweets, soda, toys and books.

Editor's Pick: The special the day I arrived was chicken parmesan. The caesar salad I ordered was delectable. The romaine lettuce was crisp and incredibly soft. It seemed to melt in your mouth. The dressing was made to perfection. The entree was generic. It was good, but not impressive. I read the menu thinking it was going to be genuine Italian, but was a little disappointed with the actual dish. A side of spaghetti accompanied the chicken parmesan and fresh pumpnickel bread (all this for \$9.95). For dessert, I ordered New York style cheesecake, that was packed with flavor and creamy sweetness (\$3.00 a slice).

Indulge or decline: Decline, I wouldn't make a special trip to go back. The food was average, but they had prompt service.

For more information, call 913.367.6105.

"The food was good, but average. However, the hometown atmosphere leaves you feeling like you just left grandma's kitchen." -Cynthia Malone, reviewer



The Paolucci family business includes a restaurant, general store and deli. The menu ranges from Italian specialties to breakfast and dessert. photo by Brittany Zegers

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